## Apophenia

Not simple math. from childhood classes, not cause and effect unexplained. Coincidences thought some, patterns remain the same.

An eagle eye cast a shadow clear of fallen stares.
Look the other way see what's not there.

Too real for you not to tell a soul.
Believe me or believe me not, they are here I know I can only see what I can, hear what I do.
My foolish friend who thinks of you?

## Walking In My Shoes

The grass feels my toes allergic to stinging bees. Pebbles need to be polished. Sharp corners bruise. The hot sun tar sticks to bottoms of leather like gum wads half melted.

Shoes die, no life after. Made in eastern world glue melts, fabrics fade soles crack Water rinses inside after a pouring rain Squish, Squash

Leather knots, Cotton bows, Tassel ends Flap mesh, Hook loops Left over right Around the bunny ears.

Insert this, insert that Keep balance with steps anew Brake in unworn Hurt scrape blister Exposed naked to bleed Shoes no more. Freedom feet

## Cats Live Too Many Lives

This one cat, black fur fluff curls around uncorked vintage wine Merlot, which I don't dare to drink, its tail dusts the bottle's neck. Sparkles hover in the sunlight, Snowy drift to the floor mingle spillage drips off the table's edge.

One life less,
What else can be.
Nails ripping through corner seams
frayed fabric floating
flagging on the chair's side
Punctured foam
Scratch board near

Covered in cardboard Holes on sides Wisker peaking out. A long drive, car sick Hairball hack No meow Wet whizzing soaking seat

Car stops, grab handles Up the steps Knock on the door, shoe heels answer Glad your back No vacation for me Here's your cat.