
A JeJune Father's Day

Father time's a ticking and I miss him,
A vulnerable pops parked down south
That I can't see or visit, insisting
He sign online, but Boca's closed - zipped mouth.
Every key in Florida has locked
Reunion doors to my knock. If I could
Skywalk solo to his home, I'd *Tiktok*
Dad jokes, a dance to honor father-hood
Adorned in sweatshirt and a Vader mask,
Yet he's the one too shy to show his face
At this stage of his sick; so should I ask
Priests to stand in and be my saving grace?
Although, they won't see me, plus too proud a Jew
Riddled with guilt I can't be there safely to
Talk about how there is nothing to do.

In August Seize The

The clock keeps creeping, but what makes me tick?
Only count-ups, cuz count-downs don't exist.
Left hand earth then twist, risk, write! Get well wish:
I love seafood, but must not be selfish.
Forgive, get along, skip bickering bisque.
Elbow primordial soup if you can.
Open your sad sac, empty I in cyst*.
Nix con-text, see e-Go-Fish. Take a stand...
Bananas, microphones, hang upside down.
It's hard out here for shrimp, but why grow up?
Reverse worthless, garlic your wounds and pound
The pavement with hip-hop-scotch, then throw up
Hologram crackers that claw the malaise.
D...on't cut the wrong wire, 'til end of...AZE.

*My father often told me a story, long before I came to be, that a doctor informed my mother of a dangerous cyst on her ovary. As a result she'd be unable to conceive. Second and third opinions later, a different doctor found a way and my brother and I were eventually born.

When Plant Life Imitates Arteries

Plants don't have acquired immune systems, at least like we do.
Ours are adaptive, meaning over time
we develop processes that eliminate specific maladies,
specialized cells that become useful guardians of our body-galaxy.

These systems also create immunological memory mix tapes,
providing a long lasting (or even lifetime) fix
for far more than just bumps, bruises & nicks.
Memories of measles are a thing of the past.
If you've had it, you can't have it again.
It's the stuff that should stop us, b'gock gock, from getting chickenpox
a second time, but not without being implanted
w/ these (ga)morally bankrupt fiends,
disease causing micro-organic conjugated proteins, which pave the way to
save the day by providing the means for vaccines.

If we ever successfully shed our skin and fleshy sacs
losing faith in our faces to become brains in glass cases,
a kinda captive consciousness inside a teleport-a-potty,
a fair amount of us might identify as anti-body.
Truth is, antibodies are more pro-body than anything else,
stopping intruders from wreaking havoc
from tips of toes to top of bony shelf.

Before phlebotomy, here's some pre-botany.
Whereas we have veins and arteries,
bringing blood to and from the heart; respectively,
plants have vessels too.
When water & minerals travel from roots *up* to stems and leaves,
Xylems transport and Phloem bring food *down* from leaves to roots
--- a Groot Canal of sorts.

Blackbox 2

Biting Evander's ear's no enemy.
Larry Holmes' left lands for Spinks to feel.
Ali v. Frazier, Fight of the Century.
Creed credible, but not for real -- for reel.
K.O. King, not Don, but Randall Bailey.
Broken banks, but Floyd may weather the storm.
Oh boy, George, gasping, "the system failed me,"
X-pugilist retiring's the norm.
If angels didn't ask for these haloes,
Now's the time to keep fighting,
Garner support. Mann up for those
Rounded down, raise funds and begin writing
In and not heavy wait to champion.
No need to be pro-test if not your thing,
Go educate though, throw hat in the ring.

Boxers Mentioned: Mike Tyson. Evander Holyfield. Larry Holmes. Leon Spinks.
Muhammed Ali. Joe Frazier. (Don King). Randall Bailey. Floyd Merriweather.

*George Floyd killed in Minnesota following an officer kneeling on his neck for nearly 8-minutes.

**Eric Garner killed in Staten Island from a chokehold.

***Mentally ill, homeless African American, Joseph Mann killed in Sacramento.

Blackbox 3

Black flight or white flight, it's black light then white.
Lock position Tray(von) tables are up
Airplane lift off, it's a red eye for an eye night,
Cockpit recording recovered, it's rough.
Kept in the tail, the square survived the crash
But no one else did. Audio begins,
"Oh my god we're being hijacked," act fast.
X would suggest by any means ness wins.
Fight back, have faith, take a stand, stay seated?
Let's listen to the rest: "Put down the knife."
If auto-pilot's engaged, things get heated.
Gung-ho hero, jumps on back, risks his life.
Hearing this and seeing black, marshal acts.
The wrong guy's restrained, pilot dies, plane's jacked.

