

Stolen Flight

Who tore my wings from their ligaments
Stealing my power to fly
The dripping blood crystallizes
As I thrash around the firepit
I am at a loss for words

How can I impart an accurate depiction
Of the way disappointment blends into my soul
As imperceptible as any ordinary cloud on the horizon
The air begins to circle and hits like a fist
The sound rocks the room as I slide to my doom
I cannot speak the story that I truly want to tell

The smirking hostess with her jasper eyes
A lying raven perched atop a pole
Note that I am well the worse for wear
They steal the lyrics from my soul and claim them as their own
I grieve for the dreams that once sustained me
My voice was silenced before I could speak a word

Clique Claque

Your clique's claque clack like monkeys on your back
Whenever you click your fingers
They'll follow you to the end of the world
So long as your money lingers

If you lose your bread and lose your appeal
They'll quickly find another host
For when the glamor of youth wears off
You'll be as appealing as day-old toast

Pretty and treacherous, your clique sharpens their claws
Your claque is fickle, drawn by anything bright
The clock ticks away your moment of novel appeal
You pretend you don't notice the oncoming night

Opposing Forces

Senior and Junior are the best at spending
Money that they have saved from others
By not paying what they owe
By duping the gullible
By stealing from children's charities

On New Year's Day, Senior tries to French kiss a woman not his
wife
Her grimace shows that she is flustered and disgusted
She stifles a caterwaul and summons a taxi

As the fireworks fill the air with rockets' red glare
Junior, drunk on champagne and sporting an unflattering mustache
Tenaciously tries to please Senior with his latest half-baked
idea
Senior ignores his sycophant son
As he trolls the party for a new target for his unwanted
affections

Affirmations

Every day
Or weekly
Or whenever I deign to remember
I remind myself of my affirmations
To be
Better than
I am

Universal Senryu

perpetually
universe begins and ends
always eternal