## "N--,please?"

The modern name of war is fame Snared in spokes of trivial bane Cycling exquisite shame Eruption of a vile proclaim Scales are limelight's risked repay

Mention toil all turn away Sweat of brow treasured strain Hands upraised to celebrate Grasp for spoils, a striking sway Cleave from wrist unfair trade

Gristle greases the brocade Twisting tales of centuries lain Dusty floor for what's been made Rougish red no color change Countering the feigned distaste

Spare not a precious ounce of art Mimicking a midday start Cobbled boots of leather old Chapped legs defy material Footprints dragged on untilled soil Roiling mass in likened pace

Lockstepped authenticities

Heralded distinctive trait

Proof in callow sniveling

First is last, roughhouse the place

There's a term they love to say Crowed so oft the end is frayed Irony laden sobriquet Describes their works so perfectly Enfeebled bodies onset early

## **Forcible Rejection**

Enticed, unwillingly plumbing deep depths, Darker than my last regret Tepid water smothering my conscious

Before me, my body's featureless Not sure how I know I'm sinking A few fathoms lower it's darker than sleeping.

The winds of earth, the warm of core Suspended between in synthetic sea The stoic sensation sickening

Remind me when I do forget Of how I reveled in green grasses And languished past all nay'er's glances.

## I'm Gonna Live Forever

The build of name takes sure decades Accented by a nulling creed Acknowledge all things cautiously Trust a dagger's surly teeth And carry always its reprieve

But favor winds, circumstances The echoes halls abandoned lend Waiting for the chanced extend Age will comb the embers thin A cabin shrouds, does not defend

Reel headlong into the dens The lioness that rests within Cannot seem to designate A hungering will to create She'll only sup and defecate

Moderate a stride with gin Soon to idle brushy spends The hiccup of a lovelorn hymn Tells of envious chagrin Spilling nigh of clumsy spins Hesitate to inhale when Bow is drawn so tight it bends Truly wounded mark's cooled heart In such haste to fetch it hot Lips paled blue, strength forgot

Collar fame like a thief Pressed to wall grinning peeved Hands expressing jested theme Growl at him a scolding brief His scripted jackknife plunges deep

Motives curtailed by misdeed Curtained solidly smiling Repeating always this to see Would tarnish full-fledged belief Interest tumbling from the peaks Lo, such hazards named aptly Lockjaw from thirsty craving Worth the weight of all longing Leave and come back once again Facets fattened, feigned attachment