

how things don't matter when I sit down to explain how things don't matter

Martin Esposito

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Fogged mirror Learning to smile At myself

### **Cathy Drinkwater Better**

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Seven Honorable Mentions (in no particular order)

doctor's office staring at the book I still plan to read

### **Cathy Drinkwater Better**

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picture postcard ghosts from this city the sea took back

### **Rebecca Drouilhet**

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shaving off my beard: the scar from the war appears in the mirror

Ty Hadman

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### **Coffin flowers**

Once in full colour Last blooms adorn A willow box.

#### **Michael Baron**

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first light the srushing weight of sleepless hours

### **Cathy Drinkwater Better**

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Gulls compete for the winter sky so what has the crow to shout about.

#### **Colin Steward Jones**

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hot chocolate his warm hand on mine truce

# Máire Morrissey-Cummins

## Zatsuei

## Haiku of Merit

(in the alphabetical order of authors' surname)

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sunbeams when her bud bursts, my flower child

#### S.M.Abeles

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departing... the heaviness of mother's hug

#### **Ramesh Anand**

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Bones of contention Beneath Leicestershire car park From Ambion Hill

Grave situation Bring home our last Son of York With us for ever

# Martin A. Chambers

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pond hockey searching for the puck in a thicket of reeds

**Bill Cooper** 

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zhe winds of time corrode the flesh in the desert spirit **Tatjana Debeljački** 

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remembering all the things I promised her ghost moon **Robert Michael Drouilhet** 

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each moment is what we have

## Marje A. Dyck

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knotted like a rune she rests no less beautiful giving dreams a home

### **Maring Esposito**

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I've just found the bulbs those you promised to plant you sod in the ground

### **Helen Frost**

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