

Wordsmith

I don't get why
it's such a big deal
that I prefer the em
dash over the en dash.
I mean—some people are
podiatrists; some are plumbers.

It's not my fault that
I'm not into feet or toilets.

I like words.
It's what I do.
I got a knack for it.

(And, by the way,
informal diction
is a type of diction.
And I often prefer it.
So I'm not going to change that *got*.)

Hyde

I just want to scream out loud.
What's happening to me?
The 'was' I was...

But no, he's gone.

I want to shoot someone,
And I could crush you with
 an open palm.
You took my home...
And I'm
Screaming, inside.

...What?
What's the matter? Are you okay?
Oh, I'm sorry.
Don't mind him.
That's just Hyde.
He's quite harmless

 most of the time.

Euphony

Snowflakes float,
one touching down after another,
tapping a silent rhythm.

They disappear
as they
touch the sidewalk.
“If you know what I know, you know what I mean.”

They follow any meter,
from Heaven Let Your Light Shine Down
to Sweet Baby James.

Two silver magnets rest in your ears,
wailing a guitar riff
and drumming an anapest.
“It’s more than just words; it’s tears and rain.”

The snowflakes keep the rhythm,
landing in sync:
thump, thump, *thump*, thump.

With their skulls wrapped in beanies and ears snuggled close,
even pedestrians follow suit:
step, step, *step*, step.
“It’s a new song like a new religion.”

Now the piano
slides up and down the treble like a hurricane
with da, da, *da*, da in the bass.

intentionally left blank. (noun).

1. Wind painting white clouds on baby blue. 2. Invisible colors appearing in the sun's farewell. 3. The midnight moon glowing over tree leaves and chimneys. 4. Black clouds touching your eyebrows and cheekbones with raindrops. 5. Sleep and closed eyes pressing into a cool down pillow. 6. An infant's small fingers caressing your heart. 7. A woman scintillating grace in both form and motion. 8. Twenty-eight pearly whites shining in act one scene one. 9. C minor dancing on a Samick baby grand. 10. Freshly baked chocolate chips talking with your tongue. 11. The strength of woven rope hefting all your weight. 12. A zephyr tickling the grass and your toes. 13. The sun's heat pouring over your skin, just on the right side. 14. A billion particles of water crashing from a suicide cliff. 15. The stars overwhelming the soul's ability to feel.