LITERARY

Spirit of the Sea

Spirit of the sea,
Cradle of all existence,
Home of a billion lives,
And provider of abundance,
Since before time began,
you have given life,
And taken a great part,
In the cycle of the Earth.
No matter how enormous,
You are not infinite,
And even your night,
Is accompanied by weakness,
But mortal man cares not,
For he takes from you,
All that you have,
And does nothing in return,
His only gifts to you,
Are the poisons of his world,
With these he attacks you,
From everywhere and at all times,
In his ignorance killing,
What has given him life,
And all along pointing,
At his brother on another shore,
Never even realizing,
That his own death,
Is tied to yours.

Duke

Free Fall (for Mike)

I'm drifting merrily down
Falling, in other words.
It's easy, you know,
Effortless
To fall
--- or to cascade
I like that
I'm cascading down
- or crashing
But that's not as pleasant
To crash means to hurt
I've done that before
I think I'm falling
But where will I land?
(If I land).
Am I falling into?
or out of?
To fall out of favour
To fall out of grace
To fall into. . .
into. . .
An embrace?
What a pleasant contemplation
To land in a pool of warm water
That supports and surrounds and caresses
Is that where I'm going?
I'd like to know
Am I falling, cascading, or crashing
Into, or out of
LOVE

Pseudo Dragon

Wakening

I am living
but living a life
I am barely aware of:

like a toddler
patting flowers in the sparkling grass
the white and yellow
brushing softly on my palms

My mother bends
to ask if I am happy
playing in the dew among the flowers
And I look up:
I never knew before that it was playing

Smiling
I go on through the field
but stopping often
thinking back
to find those moments when I'd played before

I rub the tickles off my hands
and laugh;
Happy? Yes
if daisy fields like this
are life

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