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Warranty Intact

Awash,
 adrift,
 amid the wave
 of pretty
 pampered, painted
 faces,
 I am trodden,
 trampled by
 bottled
 store bought beauty.
 All big coin
 clothes
 photocopied and placed
 neatly on all
 except one misfit;
 Me:
 simplistic dress
 in reference to a
 state of mind
 which
 denoted beauty
 not by slick
 style,
 not in cadence
 with
 credit cards,
 not by the
 dominant
 dollar sign
 but,
 by the ability,
 acceptance,
 willingness to be
 myself,
 and no one else.
 So amid these
 waves
 I am
 fraught,
 trodden,
 caught,
 but I remain unaltered,
 unchanged.
 All original parts.

- Brian Reedy

These Times We Live In

There is a fear
 about these times we live in
 An ungrounded-ness,
 An off-balance-ness

There is a fear
 not overt but hidden
 like water oozing thru a crack
 in a corner

There is a fear,
 Security is an illusion

There is a fear,
 Truth is concealed

There is a fear,
 The unthinkable is expected

There is a fear,
 Justice is on the take

There is a fear
 about these times we live in
 Spirit is hushed
 Anger beckons

-Paul Sorenson