

Sea Bubbles

by Darryl Price

"I don't know why you say good-bye, I say hello."--The Beatles

Things fall from the clouds. Things fall from the
floor. Maybe through, maybe all the way.
Everyone argues for their homeland.
Someday I'd like to hold your hand. I'm
still dreaming. I hope it continues
to rain today. Things fall sideways. Things
might fall through other things. How far is
this far? Am I supposed to care; just
not care? Someday I'd like to walk with
you by the water. It's a simple
request thing. We don't speak, shouldn't have
to say anything meaningful or
too deep. Things fall over a cliff. Things
fall on a forest floor. Coral falls
in a sea bubble. Waves fall into
nothing, more and more. But the world wakes
up every day. Beaches come alive.
The streets get smeared with people and cats.
Over and over. Things fall from the
Laughing crying skies. Things fall from the
children's sleepy eyes. Voices rise and
fall like birds. Someday I'd like to smell
your hair blowing soft against my face. dp

Bonus poem:

The Audience in the Trees by Darryl Price

There's no music in my head right now, a little sadness, but I own it.

I don't know why some people want to write their own lousy story lines over

yours, especially when you are only being a silly guy, an idiot guy, who is

trying very hard, dancing on the hard linoleum floor of doom all by himself, to

come up with something clever to say and new to act out for the lonely

distracted girl behind the glass counter. Behind the water crushing wheel. Behind the ice cream

mirror. Behind the disappearing walls and floors. Behind the inevitable toll booth. Behind your rising

swinging carriage hanging on by a single fragile cable of faith in daring acts of

flying over the heads of unaware peoples without a pair of genuine leather bat wings.

Most of the time we are little more than raving baboons making no sense at

all to the audience in the trees. I've been on the other side; wanting very

much to put my arm around the poor guy's shaking shoulders and say calmly, loudly,

come with me if you want to live. The girl's seen it all before any way. She could probably translate the mangled message, the actual obvious missteps into something more

normal sounding, but why try, it's all so predictable and boring. She doesn't want to

misuse her powers exactly, she didn't ask for it, she doesn't really care, she just

wants to know how to turn the damned thing off and on. And be
free,
of course, to control the switch any time she chooses. I hope they
never make
me a king. Well, I wouldn't want the job any way, but I'm pretty
sure
I would suck at it because that's pretty much the job describing
itself. Better to

be brave, to walk away. Say you've seen a thing or two. But you
refused
damnation on anybody else's terms. Death seems like a pretty,
misunderstood concept. It doesn't matter
what philosophy you challenge it with. It only matters that you
see it. Then you
may have a chance at some real life outside of the zombie zone.
You think
I make these poems up to impress you, but they are to step into,
in my own way.

Extra bonus:

Our Beautiful Moments by Darryl Price

There's no telling where you'll fly off to, it doesn't take
A tragic robot arm to detach itself before you hit the
Ground running. You've already made the decision to fly whenever
the
Chance presents itself. Don't blame it on the cables in your
Head. Not this time. I just wish you could feel something
That's not being fed to you through a tube. Take it

Anyway you want to. I just wish someone would take all these
Lies and burn them to the ground. I'd prefer that to

A life of silly putty parties. They're only copying the cartoons
Backwards out of boredom. Listen and you'll see we only want to
share what

We are already sharing with you. It's not complicated, unless you
want to

Read it in that way. Like I said I find it amazing

That you've already buried your walking shoes in the solid
ground. I'm

Not here to talk you out of anything. Or into anything.

It's not a tragic hour, it's a laugh, you and your
lawyers all convening in your fears and hatred like little kids

hiding behind a fake burning bush. And what is it that you
want? Simplify the answer. Again. Again. Again. Sooner or later
you've

got to admit you're just as lonely and mystified at the human
condition as the

rest of us. Don't worry. I'm getting there. It's just hard

to get past your petty cruelty to the tasty poetry part in
the middle. But we do it. And we are beautiful doing
it. We've had our beautiful moments together. This tells us
everything we

need to know about the nature of the pendulum. As long

as we're here we'll keep on making it happen. It can't
all be perfect mistakes. Sometimes that's just dumb luck.
Something you

wouldn't take in even if it were one of those pitiful kittens
you always seem to cry over. Man, I thought you were better than

that. You know you've proven them right, right? Every sick thing
that

they tell themselves to justify the violence they throw at the
streets. Why

you think they keep so many sharpened knives dripping with
shadows downtown?

Like hideous shower curtains of so many unnecessary night-
mares? It's not because they

don't know how to take pictures of their loved ones. It's because
they don't know how to love. Period. And now you've had
your ticket punched to the paranoid side of paradise on earth.

Jesus, it

just makes me sick. Enough to write you this smiling note and say,
lighten up.

