Celebrating 10 Years: 2009 - 2019
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EDITOR’S NOTE

This collection celebrates 10 years of the finest English Senryu from around the world by 85 of our TOP Contributors, featuring 337 poems plucked from the journal’s first 29 issues by past and current Prune Juice editors.

Since 2009, Prune Juice is honored to have published over 700 poets and artists, showcasing tens of thousands of their Wittiest and most poignant Senryu, Kyoka, Haibun, and Haiga. During the course of researching the anthology project, we discovered there’s a group of dedicated contributors who’ve been publishing with us, issue after issue, year after year, editor after editor, many going back to our earliest days in print. While we celebrate ALL of the poets who’ve found a home in our pages over the past decade, it is our “TOP Contributors” of the Prune Juice family that this anthology serves to spotlight.

You will meet these esteemed poets chronologically, in the order of their first appearance with the journal — inaugural issue artists in the front, progressing through the book to the newest contributors closing the collection. Each author’s selection is arranged to give you a sample senryu from her/his earliest appearance to the most recent. Introducing each selection, you’ll also find the author’s total number of issues with PJ, to help celebrate their long-standing contributions to the genre.

Thank YOU for celebrating PJ’s first 10 years with us — and for toasting to our next 10 years! Please enjoy, explore alone, read aloud, or share with a crowd!

In gratitude,

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22 issues

the Dow drops again
the financial section
lines the birdcage

#01 2009

looking for love
in all the wrong places —
and finding it

#04 2010

plastic surgeon
the laminated hours
taped to the door

#06 2011

Tour de France I crash on the sofa

#10 2013

topless beach
all the women
my age

#11 2013
supper cruise tossing the salad one more time

#18 2016

custody battle
the agenda a series
of bullet points

#20 2016

department meeting
an argument
about collaboration

#25 2018

green tomatoes
my neighbor gives me
some free advice

#28 2019

lockdown drill
someone lets loose
a killer fart

#29 2019
blind date —
the jangle
of handcuffs

#01 2009

brunch buffet
she helps herself
to my husband

#02 2009

meth head
he too
was breast-fed

#20 2016
while Janis Joplin
cries a little bit longer,
I peel an onion

#01 2009

Leap Day —
his wife wishes him
a happy 13th birthday

#13 2014
John Soules - Canada

8 issues

once again —
Elvis on the radio
Christmas alone

#01 2009

amnesia clinic around here somewhere

#07 2012

virtual cloud
watching my privacy
drift away

#12 2014
constipation —
the Indian doctor
recommends a good curry

#01 2009

asthma
his doctor recommends
learning the trombone

#05 2011

one side of his face
more sunburnt
taxi driver

#06 2011

waxing moon she decides on the Brazilian

#11 2013

self-service pump
he gives it a shake
when he's done

#13 2014
Sunday morning
a flowered hat
on the old mule

#01 2009

music critic
the melody
of your venom

#10 2013

Frogpondering

#18 2016
Helen Buckingham - United Kingdom

21 issues

dark night
the astrologer
counts her trines

#01 2009

crescent moon
. . . rolling
her first ever joint

#05 2011

6am
piercing contrails
businessmen chalking up the air miles

#08 2012

blood on the inside jacket of her whodunnit

#13 2014

saturday night
love tattooed across
the moon's fist

#15 2015
walls peel awaiting injection

    #17 2015

wannabe cowboy
one foot on the kissing gate
he lights up a vape

    #24 2018

graffiti
sharper
by moonlight

    #25 2018 HM Murtha Prize

Brexit pirates
up their own masts
debating

    #28 2019
The drunk
   lets the butterfly
lead the way

   #02 2009

home service
the electrician
with the wild hair

   #19 2016

all excuses spent
I tell my wife about
my alien abduction

   #21 2017
Bill Kenney - USA

7 issues

cleared for takeoff
a flight attendant
adjusts her bra strap

#01 2009

meat loaf
like mother used to make —
I order chili

#19 2016

drowsy
my death poem
can wait

#29 2019
Alexis Rotella - USA

21 issues

All Hallow’s Eve —
a gay ghost
comes out of the closet

#01 2009

the farmer
hitting on me . . .
earful of sweet corn

#02 2009

I bid against myself
at the auction
bear skin rug

#03 2010

a guilt trip
from an elderly relative —
holiday gift

#15 2015
Retirement
my husband watches
Donald Duck

#16 2015

he asks for
more pork chop
uninvited guest

#20 2016

New Year’s Day
my friend, her smart phone
and I

#21 2017

Thanksgiving lunch
another helping
of family grief

#23 2017
funeral procession —
the town drunk tips
his tattered hat

#02 2009

plucking hair
from my ears
she loves me, she loves me not

#06 2011

high school reunion —
the chess king arrives
in stilettos

#11 2013
tight shorts
it takes balls
to be a tenor

#02 2009

Sunday hours
the liquor store busker
strums in a minor key

#22 2017

no pants
he pants
she pants

#24 2018

fall campaign
the incumbent turns over
an old leaf

#26 2018

payday loans
a bag of salt
by the icy steps

#29 2019
dentist chair
dreaming the masked hygienist
is a harem girl

#02 2009

time traveler
a couple of drinks and I'm back
in the stone age

#03 2010

after brunch
the Eggs Benedict
betraying me

#11 2013

between jobs
the recliner gains
200 pounds

#22 2017
Laurence Stacey - USA

7 issues

weekend carnival
the mystic polishes
his third eye

#03 2010

cemetery
even here
the poor section

#07 2012

meeting her father
a loose thread
in my sweater

#15 2015
old pond
I take off my glasses
and find a Monet

#03 2010

sneezing
on my answering machine —
a sick stalker

#04 2010
Chen-ou Liu - Canada

27 issues

drinking at a bar —
the old man he swore
he’d never be

#03 2010

arguing over costs . . .
a man of few words
in the coffin

#05 2011

Mona Lisa smiles
at the woman in a burka . . .
art gallery

#08 2012

street preacher
wisps of breath hang
around his mouth

#09 2012
my muse blinking
in Morse Code . . .
one more glass of wine

#12 2014

between street lamps
a sex worker
and my shadow

#17 2015

divorce talk
the burden of who
will take the dog

#26 2018

first homecoming
I refashion myself
between flights

#27 2019

chain-link fences
on both sides of the road . . .
post election

#28 2019

humid heat
a drunk drones on
about bad luck

#29 2019
G. R. LeBlanc - Canada

9 issues

January
I hold my breath
and step on the scale

#04 2010

motherly advice
the grate of a plow
against pavement

#11 2013

matryoshka dolls
all the things
she keeps to herself

#15 2015
Claudette Russell - USA

8 issues

science lab
new teacher
quite the specimen

#05 2011

Sunday mass
everyone driven here
by guilt

#11 2013

birthday card
choosing how
I want you to feel

#12 2014
Christina Nguyen - USA

7 issues

campaign signs
for the green candidate
litter the neighborhood

#06 2011

balloon girl
twisting gender stereotypes
into animals

#09 2012

sticking
to her guns
the pacifist mom

#17 2015
Bill Cooper - USA

12 issues

while daughters negotiate
the banana split
melting

#06 2011

while supplies last  fresh water

#17 2015

straw hats in a row
Amish men discuss
opioids

#20 2016

library stacks
she whispers
not here

#25 2018

fight night
dad offers me a slice
of pickled tongue

#29 2019
football season
he passes her
his credit card

#06 2011

on the privacy fence
two lizards
screwing

#09 2012

meditation . . .
all the places
a body can itch

#18 2016

just when I thought
things couldn't get worse —
hotel coffee

#18 2016
alien probe
the old spinster
smiles

#22 2017

vertigo
I take myself
on a spin

#26 2018

barely Tuesday
the cookie curse jar
full of dough

#26 2018

no passing zone
the semi driver
winks at me

#29 2019
Al Fogel - USA

7 issues

MTV Awards —
my daughter coloring
Barbie’s hair purple

#07 2012

campus bookstore
every other title
for dummies

#10 2013

lottery winner —
distant relatives
a lot closer

#14 2014
Johannes S. H. Bjerg - Denmark

10 issues

Zoot!
damn frog
won’t jump or sing!

#06 2011

sulky goth —
she found Gothenburg
full of Swedes

#07 2012

a slow slow dance
dad helps mum
from one chair to another

#20 2016
Mark E. Brager - USA

17 issues

a leaf blower
tidies
the zen garden

#06 2011

morning star
all she keeps
from the one-night stand

#08 2012

sewing circle
her every glance
needles

#09 2012

red light —
the hearse driver
head banging

#10 2013

in her strapless dress
giving me
the cold shoulder

#13 2014
goth son
once we chased
fireflies

#14 2014

in the closeness
of the confessional
a cricket’s chirp

#15 2015

cemetery visit —
the GPS app
rerouting

#29 2019
sunday lunch
how many bits should I cut
myself into

#07 2012

90th birthday
I forge the signature
of her only child

#14 2014

hate speech
a bird craps on the racist
and his bullhorn

#29 2019
too shy
to enter
she uses the backspace

#07 2012

locked out —
he tries
key words

#10 2013

eating alone —
can they see
my hunger

#11 2013

cockleburs —
all those mistakes
i’ve made

#14 2014
taking
taking their usual places
their usual places
arthritis
arthritis

#17 2015

vegan
vegan
that tone
that tone
of voice
of voice

#18 2016

indian market
indian market
all the white ladies
all the white ladies
in turquoise
in turquoise

#26 2018

in and out
in and out
of cloud shadows —
of cloud shadows —
her childhood
her childhood

#27 2019

alumni news
alumni news
very little mention
very little mention
of my class
of my class

#29 2019
Tim Graves - United Kingdom

6 issues

juggling piranha
in a tsunami —
shampooing the cat

#11 2013
rear view mirror
the faces I make
when she isn't looking

#07 2012

dressing room
a man in a powdered wig
snorts his lines

#10 2013

the click
of billiard balls
male conversation

#13 2014

taking away bits
of mother's furniture
relatives I seldom see

#21 2017

pool hall
he lifts a leg
and clears the table

#22 2017
Autumn Noelle Hall - USA

9 issues

rose garden gala
one thorny relative
snags her bridal veil

#07 2012

cougar purrs
at a zookeeper
half her age

#10 2013

gone nuclear
how many more meltdowns
until I'm a star?

#15 2015
Alan S. Bridges - USA
17 issues

after the sex change
he said  she said

#10 2013

natural history museum
crowded with members
of my species

#11 2013

the pimento in
the olive
in the
g
l
a
s
s
on the piano

#12 2014

orthopedic wing
a Christmas ornament hangs
from an artificial limb

#15 2015
listening to my rant
my niece asks
‘what's a pizza ship?’

#18 2016

crowded station directions from the pretzel guy

#24 2018

corn fritter
the way his belly
parts his suspenders

#29 2019
all kidding aside . . .
the doctor leaves me
in stitches

#10 2013

hearing loss —
she misses
the mosquito

#15 2015
I reintroduce myself
to Mom
with every spoonful I give her

#08 2012

writing senryu
with no humor or wit —
my ex-husband

#09 2012

therapy session —
trying to grasp
how to let go

#15 2015

reuniting at the bar
we try to give it
another shot

#16 2015
more bitter
than I imagined —
sweet revenge

#18 2016

homesick —
I breathe through
my mother’s scarf

#21 2017

summer ginko
we let sparrows
do the talking

#25 2018

folding
others’ clothes
her pile of complaints

#28 2019
mother quietens us . . .
her ears tuned in to
our neighbour’s fight

#08 2012

ironing starched saris
the laundry man’s biceps
stiff

#09 2012

introduction —
I hear only
my name

#12 2014

on Cambridge river
a young punter steers us
through his own story

#24 2018

playing ball
with my grandson
my back goes for a toss

#29 2019
I cup you quick,
my last match
in a windy life

#08 2012

behind the deli counter
my grandfather's dreams
sliced thin

#10 2013

a knife slice
deep inside the onion
into another world

#17 2015
Johnny Baranski (1948 - 2018) - USA

17 issues

over a cold beer
the fire eater explains
how he does it

#08 2012

for a
good time
Cialis

#11 2013

so drunk I let her have her way with me mosquito

#12 2014

all star pitcher
a diamond in
each ear

#14 2014

barfly
his marriage on
the rocks

#15 2015
7th Inning Stretch
the line to the women's
restroom

#16 2015

black ice
our argument spins
out of control

#18 2016

charm bracelet
Jesus and Buddha
just hangin'

#23 2017
Annette Makino - USA

6 issues

heavy downpour
my collapsible umbrella
promptly collapses

#09 2012

from the hot tub
wearing only his belt
Orion rises

#11 2013

new glasses         old dust bunnies

#17 2015
Jay Friedenberg - USA

10 issues

all summer long
watering weeds —
thinking they were flowers

#09 2012

web surfing
all the time
we never spend

#17 2015

more strangers
in the elevator
i stand a little taller

#29 2019
Good Friday service
I opt for
a doctors excuse note

#09 2012

altars
all the broken things
I keep

#12 2014

wishbone
the part of him
that snapped

#22 2017

baby zucchini
in my squash blossom omelet
third marriage

#24 2018

understanding life
I make a puzzle
of the monarch's wing

#29 2019
daring me
to follow it . . .
jazz riff

#10 2013

a fly lands on my crotch
hell i wasn't
using it anyway

#14 2014

five below zero
my neighbor covers his
virgin mary

#15 2015

peace rally
they throw rocks
at the police

#18 2016

waxing zen
i mention that we are all one
the room empties

#19 2016
every breath
a new twist to an old tune
harmonica man

#20 2016

nothing in this game
two famous poets
arguing

#21 2017

lonely tv watching
ancient aliens
keep me company

#27 2019
Brad Bennett - USA

15 issues

Zen garden
waiting for change
at the tea house

#10 2013

bad funk —
the trombonist's
elbows

#11 2013

at fifty
shortening my resume
to two pages

#13 2014

take out . . .
my clothes carry home
the bacon

#22 2017
family visit
the puzzle we finished last time
still laid out

#23 2017

emoji pajamas the child's grin

#24 2018

judging
a haiku contest
judging myself

#25 2018

another blue johnny
the specialist
remembers me

#29 2019
Rachel Sutcliffe (1977 - 2019) - United Kingdom

14 issues

pharmacy queue
we hear all about
her IBS

#10 2013

lawyer’s office
sharing a pen
to sign for divorce

#11 2013

village pub
talk of terrorism
over pints of bitter

#13 2014

shooting star
this fear
of falling

#26 2018

sand castle competition
the tide
takes the winner

#27 2019

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Pris Campbell - USA

12 issues

class reunion
my first sweetheart's hair
doesn't attend

#10 2013

chalk art . . .
nude women trampled
in Boston Commons

#12 2014

Seventy today
one rusty nail left
from my treehouse

#27 2019

discarded ring
my finger has no room
for memories

#28 2019

grandpa’s visit
my pet parrot
learns a bad word

#29 2019
Gregory Longenecker - USA

12 issues

coke habit
licking honey
from a razor blade

#10 2013

overseas duty
the look of the locals
when I near

#19 2016

the way the locals
look at me
stateside

#19 2016

in the end
it’s left to her
Piéta

#22 2017

the valentine briefs
his girlfriend sent him
army barracks

#28 2019
love notes
on my windshield
more shit

#11 2013

Fitbit —
getting the skinny
on you

#17 2015

motorboating
my boobs —
his snoring

#21 2017

looking
for Jesus —
MRI scan

#23 2017

crash test dummies
the men I would sleep with
if he died

#25 2018
Peter Newton - USA

7 issues

height of summer
the traffic cop
busts a move

#10 2013

nosebleed seats
the beer vendor
calls me boss

#11 2013

drone surveillance
all the fine print
I waived

#29 2019
Julie Warther - USA

20 issues

second marriage . . .
combining
bucket lists

#11 2013

w(rest)le

#14 2014

choosing which cross to bear shoulder tattoo

#16 2015

a candle's flame —
the way he leans forward
when I talk

#18 2016

change in focus —
threading a needle
by faith

#18 2016
introductions
we exchange
verbs

#20 2016

climate change
framing the answer
in the form of a question

#21 2017

eggshell . . .
as usual we settle
on his color choice

#23 2017

death poem
he dictates
the exclamation mark

#28 2019

morning meditation
that same runner
back again

#29 2019
Joe McKeon - USA

10 issues

the environmentalist
picking up dog poop
with a plastic bag

#11 2013

biology exam
even the frog is on
pins and needles

#12 2014

top down
my cruise control set
at nineteen

#21 2017

assisted living
all the toiletries
are travel sized

#29 2019
Paresh Tiwari - India

10 issues

mall buzz —
the vacant eyes of
a limbless mannequin

#13 2014
Debbie Strange - Canada

17 issues

transplanted . . .
a bleeding heart
in the surgeon's garden

#12 2014

frogspawn
the way you wriggle
out of lies

#19 2016

in the tracks
of a dog I wish were mine
snow sparkles

#20 2016

sheet lightning
my hands find the bones
of your hips

#22 2017
peeling paint
all the backstories
we don't know

#23 2017

last testament
we inherit the bulk
of her shame

#23 2017

bagpipers
just far enough away
to move me

#25 2018
the dentist
keeps drilling until he hits
my anxiety

#12 2014

politicians —
dogs at the starting gate
pissing and snarling

#18 2016

Irish stew
stirring up memories
of my grandmother

#21 2017

dark night
I count the same black sheep
over and over

#23 2017

home run
a grandson teaches papa
how to hit the ball

#25 2018
Chase Gagnon - USA

11 issues

morphine drip . . .
I sing my mother
a lullaby

#12 2014

busted knuckles . . .
my father's blood mixing
with mine

#17 2015

DRUG FREE SCHOOL ZONE
I wonder how many kids
are on adderall

#22 2017

carded at the liquor store
if only I felt
as young as I look

#23 2017
peace talks at Camp David —
world leaders
take a bathroom break

#16 2015

election-day hike —
as much fog on the left
as on the right

#19 2016

my lover’s call . . .
the cord wrapped
around my finger

#26 2018
Phyllis Lee - USA

7 issues

undertaker
always a bouquet
for the wife

#12 2014

another day
fighting depression
the class clown

#22 2017

wearing the wig
I hated
jack-o-lantern

#23 2017
Yesha Shah - India

7 issues

dpaper collage the scabbed edges of brittle promises

#16 2015
Robert Epstein - USA

14 issues

learning to parallel park in her twisted universe

    #13 2014

slowly
going over a cold shoulder

    #15 2015

old telephone poles
weathered to the color of lonely

    #17 2015

car talk
I find myself idling

    #18 2016

how much louder
it screams after her death
that wall art

    #21 2017
looser fitting now
his birthday suit

#26 2018

new red vac
she turns on
her matching heels

#27 2019

on top of Old Smoky jaded millennials

#29 2019
Scottish wedding
skirting around the issue
of kilts

#14 2014

cold caller my demeanour frostier

#23 2017

minor key change
the maker hands his guitar
to a musician

#28 2019
Shloka Shankar - India

9 issues

fruit flies
the decay of what
we were

#13 2014

split pomegranate
I fall a little more in love
with myself

#17 2015
Dave Read - Canada

13 issues

mental ward
not all it’s
cracked up to be

#13 2014

work shirt
he irons out
his attitude

#19 2016

long winter night
the bear in me
hits snooze

#21 2017

dress code
I windsor-knot
my freedom

#28 2019

fitness plan . . .
he starts to run
his mouth

#29 2019
S.M. Kozubek - USA

7 issues

retirement
my dog and I
smelling thyme

#13 2014

cornered
by my ex —
checkmate

# 27 2019
David Oates - USA

12 issues

empty cocktail lounge
player piano playing
“Piano Man”

#13 2014

recession
so many billboards
advertising billboards

#15 2015

all-sizes burlesque
the big women are the ones
who really work it

#19 2016

between customers
the man at the drive-through
singing

#23 2017

late May
Christmas Fitbit
still wrapped

#29 2019
Shrikaanth Krishnamurthy - United Kingdom

10 issues

cherry blossoms
the dog sniffs them
and cocks a leg

#19 2016

tap dancing
before his legs
his belly

#21 2017
Elmedin Kadric - Sweden

8 issues

undressing me
with their eyes
chimpanzees

#15 2015

writing workshop
all of the convicts
choose free verse

#18 2016

fox carcass
I use
the selfie stick

#29 2019
Deborah P Kolodji - USA

11 issues

first date
with my ex-husband
Friday the 13th

#16 2015

overhead bin bags under my eyes

#20 2016

brief
before the court
her red skirt

#25 2018

princess gown
in her closet
once upon a time

#25 2018

bureaucracy
of finger pointing
missile launch

#27 2019
Ken Olson - USA

6 issues

frustrated hunter
blowing the head
off a beer

#15 2015

post endoscopy
the nurse gives me
a thumbs up

#20 2016

holding hands
for the corporate prayer
a reach

#28 2019
Bill Waters - USA

7 issues

bakery —
the muffin too
has muffin-top

#15 2015
Ian Willey - Japan

8 issues

predawn light
a taxi drops off
the night life

#15 2015

think outside the box —
on the wall
of his cubicle

#17 2015

retirement —
he micromanages
a bonsai tree

#28 2019
first bike ride
Dad, she yells,
Let go!

#20 2016

gnat cloud
we don’t open our mouths
to complain

#22 2017

schoolyard pollinators garden
a child flits
from flower to flower

#27 2019
Hansha Teki - New Zealand

7 issues

the stillness
after the birth
unravelling star charts

#17 2015

paper cranes . . .
I bend time and space
a thousand times

#21 2017

my shadow
parodies
my carbon footprint

#29 2019
Michael Henry Lee - USA

9 issues

factory work
another day
grinds to a halt

#15 2015

nude beach
sun block on
everything

#16 2015

happy hour
everyone doing
their damnedest

#20 2016
the pub waitress
smiles at me . . .
beer foam spilling over

#15 2015

the sugar crust
of a crème brûlée —
your side of the story

#23 2017

funeral
at long last
the whole family together

#24 2018

my masculinity
or what's left of it
North Sea

#26 2018

looking up
at the blue summer sky . . .
dog poop

#27 2019
her bedroom
becomes my office
becomes her bedroom

#16 2015

between subway stops
rap music and dance routines
perfectly timed

#29 2019
her words growing softer
as I chop through firewood
burying the hatchet

#16 2015

facing statistics
96 percent of me
chimpanzee

#28 2019
date night —
at every turn
a red light

#16 2015

home late —
the look I get
from the cat

#17 2015

reunion —
the lobby full
of regrets

#20 2016

children's ward —
unopened flowers
in each bouquet

#21 2017

Christmas
not giving
a damn

#29 2019
your tumor growing we worry about the snow

#18 2016

Reiki session . . .
feeling so
out of touch

#20 2016

beginner’s yoga class . . .
our first sun salutation
eclipsed by the teacher

#22 2017

promises not kept —
that umbrella you gave me
blows inside out

#23 2017

defined
by their parameters
love triangle

#29 2019
John J. Dunphy - USA

8 issues

VFW Post
its new commander
resplendent in her dress

#18 2016

corpse pose
our yoga instructor
snores

#28 2019
Mohammad Azim Khan - Pakistan

6 issues

broken home
the child slips out
of the crack

#20 2016

shooting star —
we are killing
our sons

#26 2018
Ed Bremson - USA

9 issues

old man
gazing at the Harley
for sale at the mall

#20 2016

my day filled
praying for friends
on Facebook

#26 2018
Christina Sng - Singapore

7 issues

telling her I love her
every hour
dementia

#19 2016

broken
in two parts
before and after

#23 2017

peeling away
my many layers
navel orange

#26 2018
Hazel Hall - Australia

lace maker
the intricate patterns
on her hands

#19 2016

flea market
a smile as the busker
feels my note

#21 2017

a hand
through the window
cigarette butt

#29 2019
Adjei Agyei-Baah - Ghana

9 issues

bursting at his seams
he told us
to tighten our belts

#20 2016

after the fight
only our butts
meet in bed

#22 2017

taught
to be wordless —
an elder’s fart

#28 2019
Peter Jasternsky - USA
7 issues

backfire from a bus
the war after the war
never ends

#21 2017

Facebook fallout
what we didn’t meme
to say

#28 2019
Amy Losak - USA

6 issues

bathroom cleaning
the dirt speck
sprouts legs

#21 2017

4 a.m.
the nightmare
at my elbow

#25 2018

after Thanksgiving
left over
loneliness

#27 2019
dirty laundry
our aromas
become one

#22 2017

anorexia
I starve myself
of value

#23 2017

drug addiction
another line of
I’m sorrys

#28 2019
Ben Moeller-Gaa - USA

8 issues

a leaf print
in the latte
the barista’s tattoo

#23 2017

swivel chair
bending the pitch
of my fart

#25 2018

deep within the paint
of the old blue guitar
wild horses

#29 2019
Tia Haynes - USA

4 issues

cold coffee
the bitter taste
of motherhood

#23 2017
Dedicated in Loving Memory

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