





Three Moments in Life

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A Meditation on Mean

An executive decision cutting my work and pay Means

I scramble to survive Meaning

I eat less, delay servicing the car, and cancel the dry cleaning

Sure, I know I'm merely a budgeted item Meaningless To management and viewed as no longer Meaningful

But the faceless "It's nothing personal" feels just plain Mean

Butterfly Graces

A butterfly graced

The craft compound at church camp

Lightly blessing beads

Calico patches

And the colored boondoggle

Dangling from a post

It tickled bare backs

Explored drying objets d'art

While dancing over glue

Ode to Selfie Mosquito

Selfie Mosquito--Tiptoeing on a mirror Tap dancing true love Beguiled by me-ness Thoroughly narcissistic Smitten by image--

Smugly preens in glee, Smashingly unaware of Quickly coming death

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