

Poems by Mark Young

The / glory of / last year's event

The Penn State players trickled into the Ohio Stadium media room wearing Australia's hottest fashion lingerie brand, entering to a surly take on "Big River," & proceeding to blow through a stunning mini-set of icons of Saint Peter. Remember

when, touching on the subject of demonic counterfeit & discernment, telling a gay man that you didn't like Madonna was like telling him you had herpes? Now we find all aliens share the same things as we do. There is an element of irony in that.

Notations

Just after midday. The moon is out. Around it large white birds ride the thermals, too distant to identify precisely but a binary option—ibis or pelicans. The parrots are more direct, hydroplane the highway, a lowdown straightline to wherever it is they're going. Four trucks pass by, two 20' FCLs on each, all eight carrying



markings. My number is about to come up. It does. I collect my fish & chips & head off home.

Seven Untitled Pieces

Had a Linnaean
way with words.

Would line them
up. Define taxonomy.

Those sorted set
aside. The others

unattended. Two
kinds of poetry.

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Specificity is
not required.

Vague words,
curtailed gest-

ures—the new
moon pregnant

with the old —
just enough to

point a rough
but ready way.

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so much
of the light
wasted
chasing
things
that are
not trans-
lucent in
the dark

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I am staying
in the game &
waiting for the dealer
to give me my
last word. Have
broken up
a pair of nouns
to go for
the possible
inside straight. I
have always
preferred to play
the percentages.

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He gave up
drinking &

became a
poltergeist

in the key
of D major.

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Desire
spoke in a
patois

he had
difficulty
following.

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& went
their

separate

ways.

A note for Alex Gildzen

Giving my
age away
is this ay-
em's un-
bidden
offering
from the un-
conscious
jukebox in my
mind—The
Andrews Sisters
singing *Bei Mir
Bist Du Schoen*.

intertwine

She chose the
double bass
as

the
invisible part
of herself. Now,

her intimate, low
register, haunting
songs

that
emphasize the
androgyny of emotion

are recognized as
a personal
trademark.

Marzipan

uses discrete symmetries
now carries VINYL Records
appears on all the right blogs
joins laminate to any other floor surface
is a poor substitute for a constitutional scholar

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In Kotto Dori street

is an enclosed
swimming area

with a diving board
made from parsley seed

& a show stopping pump
in champagne satin.

green garden theme

Prosocial motives
are a hotbed of
security risks
whatever obsolete
digital devices
you use for your
source of heat.

I / take down / the frog calendar

The New Year's
fireworks in Sydney
finished fifty minutes
ago, but they're be-
ing replayed on TV
as if they were live
because this state
doesn't believe

in daylight saving,
fearing that the cows
mightn't milk & the
curtains might fade
because of that
extra hour of sun.