

CONTENTS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE ➤

Introduction by Patrick Lane 13

EVERY MORNING: LIFE AND LOSS 17

Autobiography	19	Jan Zwicky
Old Tree	20	Gerard Rochford
Nickel a Point	21	Murray Reiss
The Photo Club Outing	22	Russell Thorburn
Overgrown	23	Sidney Bending
New Owner	24	Samuel Green
Penned	25	Tris Pargeter
For the Time Allowed	26	Pamela Porter
Melding	28	Dvora Levin
What Humans Do	29	Julie Paul
Phantom Stores	30	Elizabeth Greene
When I Say God	31	Gisela Ruebsaat
Sally Ann's Neighbours	32	Doug Fraser
For the Record—1989	33	Arleen Paré
Urban Planning	34	Kim Goldberg
I	35	Zachariah Wells
The Ecstasy of No	36	Patrick Lane
Telegram	37	Jenna Butler

WHO CAN CLAIM A DESERT: NATURE 39

Anna's Hummingbird	41	Bren Simmers
Sighting	42	Isa Milman
: in the wasteland, a garden	43	Patrick M. Pilarski
In the Dreaming	44	Jana Kalina
Just Say But The Word?	45	Mark Asser
Dead Bear Elegy	46	Jay Ruzesky
Bog Angel	48	Richard Osler
Full Long Night Moon	49	Maureen Hynes
The Aeschylus Rock	50	Russell Thornton
Riff on Massive Ocean Waves	51	Jan Conn
Wetsuiting at Long Beach	52	Terry Jones
Lament	54	Michael Cnudde
Just like a Woman	55	DC Reid
Even Solomon	57	Sheila Martindale
Borrowing Days	58	Alice Major

Border Collies	59	David Fraser
My Reality Stone	61	W. Paul Hansen
A Gradual Destruction	62	Savannah Featherstone
Georgian Bay	63	Maleea Acker

THE BIG EMPTINESS: PLACE 65

Juan de Fuca Evensong	67	Leonard Neufeldt
Charm	69	Susan Telfer
Ursa Major the Great Bear	71	Alan R. Wilson
A Living	72	Rhona McAdam
The Lords and Ladies	73	Harold Rhenisch
of Upper Cook Street		
way blood travels	75	Onjana Yawnghwe
Mumbai	76	Kate Braid
The Blue Mountains	77	Kyeren Regehr
Colonial City	78	Derk Wynand
Halfway World	80	Eve Joseph
Sleepwalking	82	Méira Cook
Long Haul, Toronto to Edmonton	83	Laurie D. Graham
The Early Birds	84	Ray McGinnis
living in one city ...	85	David Zieroth
The Spirit of Resistance	86	Nancy Holmes

IN LOVE AND HANGING: LOVE 89

Persephone Tries Internet Dating but	91	Rhonda Ganz
Every Man Reminds Her of Hades		
Wedding Party	93	Patricia Young
Collarbone	95	Garth Martens
Les beaux-arts, Montréal	96	John Barton
Rash	98	Karen Shklanka
Most Wished in Her Wild Heart	100	Wendy Donawa
Anniversary	101	Sally Green
Zorita, Burlesque Queen	102	Jeanette Lynes
of Past Times		
Sestina: Whiskey Canyon	103	Tanis MacDonald
29 Moss Street	105	Karen Chester
Poem Beginning with a	106	Marc Christensen
Line by Fanny Howe		
To the Lighthouse	107	Laura Apol
On Peace Street	109	Jen Currin

Fishing for Memories	110	Edeana Malcolm
Even Now	111	Micheline Maylor
What Attends Us	112	Donna Kane
Doorknob	113	Lorna Crozier

THE SHEER EDGE: DEATH AND HOPE 115

Friend, Listen	117	Linda K. Thompson
Incident at Seven Persons, April 9, 1927	118	Grace Cockburn
Ortona	119	Michael Fanshawe
Fortune	120	Lorri Neilsen Glenn
Hope	121	Zoe Dickinson
On Reading <i>Breathing the Page</i> , by Betsy Warland	122	Judith Heron
After 64 Years My First Dead Mother Poem	124	Leanne McIntosh
Sight Mast	125	David Taylor
God is Mary Janes	126	Dorothy Field
EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT! SHAKTI! SHAKTI! NEWS FLASH!	127	Sheri-D Wilson
Phil, November, 2010	130	Grace Wolf
Gift	131	Judith Castle
Displacement	132	Jessica Michalofsky
Intensive Care	133	Jannie Edwards
Last Man	134	Pat Smekal
Cause and Effect	135	Madeline Sonik
Throwing the Bones: Moon Song	136	Julia McCarthy

THE LYRE AND THE MUSE: MUSIC AND ART 137

On Having Nothing to Say when P.K. Died	139	Barbara Colebrook Peace
perfectly alive at the edge of light	140	Patrick Friesen
Song for the Song of the Abandoned Piano	141	Andrea Raine
Poems to Strangers	142	Leanne Boschman
Bone Duet	143	Brian Bartlett
How to Write a Haiku &	144	Naomi Beth Wakan
For Kurt Cobain	145	Liz Zetlin
	146	Paul Nelson

Mystical Poetics	147	Susan McCaslin
The Call of Standards	149	David Pimm
Higgledy-Piggledy	150	Glen Sorestad
accidentally buying	151	Daniela Elza
a painting in Chinatown		
To the Artist of 21st-Century	153	Catherine Owen
Canadian Nature Painting		

A STORY WE CAN LIVE WITH: FAMILY 155

If Jesse James	157	Carolyn Smart
important work	158	Daniel G. Scott
Hideto	159	JoAnn Dionne
Granny Larocque	160	Barbara Black
His Own Table	161	Mary Ann Moore
The Dining Room of the	162	Wendy Morton
Empress Hotel		
Changing Direction	164	Goran Simić
The Great White Whale	165	Brian Brett
Imagining Lives	166	Bernice Lever
A Place like This	167	Ann Graham Walker
Six Impossible Things before	168	Alisa Gordaneer
Breakfast: A Menu		
An Offering	169	Ulrike Narwani
<i>Agnes Grace Weld,</i>	170	Cathy Ford
<i>Mrs. Tennyson's Niece, 1861</i>		
Walk On (a fugue)	171	Barbara Pelman
Manitoba Solstice	172	Owain Nicholson
A Woman of a Certain Age	173	Susan Braley
Excerpt from	174	Betsy Warland
<i>Oscar of Between, Part 6</i>		

Afterword 177

Acknowledgements 179

Contributors 183

The Editors 206

