

This old hand,

Old worker,  
old lover,

Now, a five-  
headed lizard,

On the  
sofa's arm.

\*

The painter  
paints flowers,

Raybans  
by his side,

Paradise  
in his eyes.

\*

The breeze  
in the trees

Can't spell  
Charlotte Street,

Yet it goes  
where it pleases.

\*

Old man  
steps,

One foot  
in front

Of the other,

The same  
uncertain joy.

\*

I love her  
completely,

I only make it  
seem so,

By saying so.

\*

The cold  
wind blows

In the old  
wood barn,

The old  
dog barks,

The cold  
wind blows.

\*

Seeking  
my place

In the  
whirlwind,

I find I am  
mostly oxygen.

\*

Joy comes  
into this

Paraffin  
heart,

Swinging its  
scythe of fire.

\*

Unwound  
bundles

Of inspired  
breath,

The unfounded  
joy in my heart.

\*

My feeding it  
is what gives life

To this  
peacock self,

That  
nasty bird.

\*

Time takes  
time off

For itself,

All at once,  
in moving,

I am still.

\*

Leaves, blown  
by the wind,

Stop and stay,

Not far  
from home,

All ambition  
gone.

\*

Old pond,  
not-as-old frog,

Koosh!

Timeless water,  
frog, in time,

Leap, splash,  
kiss.

\*

My father

Handed me  
a big gun,

Told me

To shoot  
the sky,

I missed.

\*

He places  
his bag,

They kiss,

Dance a bit  
in the kitchen,

Papa's home.

\*

I asked  
if wonder

Would  
marry me,

Not twice,  
she said,

And laughed  
out loud.

\*

Uncaring cat,

Fallen priest  
of peace,

Mad for love,

Runs into  
the night.

\*

Stepping in  
some dung,

I go on  
my way,

Its faithful  
emissary.

\*

Cat sits,

Before  
crossing the road.

Mr. O'meara,  
reading a book.

\*

Cherries,

Hanging on  
the branch,

Do nothing  
to block

These thieving  
red hands.

\*

Even here,  
on this rock,

Far from home,

The sunlight  
warms

My upturned  
face.

\*

No, no,

You cannot have  
these poems,

They already  
belong to you.

\*

Old goat

Wobbles  
as he walks,

Recalling  
a mountainside

In his legs.

\*

The old days  
have died,

I visit their  
graves,

Each stone,  
so finely carved.

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