

Poetry



Artwork
by Sara Van Zandt

Mourning

By Karen Totten

The poet said, "I didn't mean to see all this."
But, we see what we know.
and I am standing where the moon has led these many miles,
and you, the bluest star in the thick night.
You are a reflection, a photograph reversed,
circa 1983, when we met – Galileo and van Gogh,
and the arc of where to begin:
all that we walked to and from,
words that formed our methods of rescue.

Now, my hands are winged and waiting.
My hands see you turn away, but
it's not really you, it's your illness that has left me.
Whose deception might this be?
Will you stand near my side?
Or if not,
I must attend to my own heart.

At night, I climb into our wide bed,
pull the sheets to my chin,
resign to sleep.

They are solitary places, where you are, and I am.
Together, and alone, someone I don't know.

The Weeping Tree

By Colette Anne Gehr

We can learn a lesson from the mighty elm in the forest
that bears heartless scars from others but still continues
to blossom and flourish despite its damages.
We can trace with our tender fingertips the gaping wounds,
some jagged and deep, others delicately drawn,
of betrayal, broken promises, and forgotten love,
while the humble giant weeps
for comfort, for compassion, for validation.
We can witness the large, oval tears dropping to the forest floor,
watering the mossy ground and newly sprung violets beneath.
And, we can have faith in knowing
if a supple sapling can withstand the winds of change,
the rain of melancholy, and the torment of quiet isolation
while still bravely opening their buds
to the warm kiss of spring
after bearing the bitterness of winter,
we too, can be just as resilient.
We too, can gracefully endure
the injuries made upon our gentle soul.
We too, can escape out of the darkness and bathe
in the unfailing ray of light sprinkling the forest floor.
We too, can experience rebirth once again.
All we have to do is remember
the strength of the weeping tree.

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