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# INTHEMARGINS

## POETRY EDITED BY FLORINE MELNYK

### Rest, Peace

When the sun drops  
in wait and the shop doors  
are locked, fleshy and irreverent  
the dead flood the streets  
and in their wake  
any misconception  
that this generation  
hasn't had a defining moment

is consumed. They jostle  
for position, tattered flags  
catching and pirouetting in moonlight.  
Arms snag on mailboxes  
gates trap heroes' toes.  
The ceremony proceeds for those  
who know where to look  
and the sibilant call grows  
but, still, a mother can't cry too loud  
for fear of waking the president.

The eyes' backlights  
will burn out by dawn  
the chaos will slow—myriad,  
minute tufts of grass and pebbles  
will sink back into place.  
The best time to be okay with choices  
is before the dawn breaks, so  
America, turn your fear to steel.

—jennifer campbell

### Untitled #161

They found a dinosaur heart  
in South Dakota once, perfectly  
preserved, still held in the  
protective curves of its ribcage.  
I don't know much about hearts  
outside of words like aorta  
and by-pass, chambers and  
ventricles. I know that some  
men have plastic hearts, some  
have baboon hearts, and some  
rare men barely have hearts  
at all. But I think that I  
know my own heart and hope  
that when they crack the sternum  
to unearth it, the black spots  
of hatred and weakness are  
small and few, hope the  
whoosh of air that escapes  
sounds not unlike her name,  
hope there is still an errant  
pulse or two to beat out in  
some odd jazz time, hope that  
when its weighed on that clinical  
scale, its measured by more than  
just ounces and pounds.

—eric evans

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## POETRY IN ARTVOICE!

In the Margins features poetry by local writers on an irregular, though roughly monthly basis. The poetry editor will be Florine Melnyk. Submissions of no more than 5 poems and no more than ten pages in length can be sent by e-mail to [florine@starcherone.com](mailto:florine@starcherone.com) or by mail to Florine Melnyk, Poetry Editor, Artvoice, 810 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14202 Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope to have manuscripts returned.

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