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MICHELLE BOPP

SECRETS

An introspective moment,
Blanketing a stressful scene –

Listless and vile, the truth waits.
Impatient, it begs a voice,

to be heard, to ruin, to leave.
Abandon this settled life -

ERIKA MCRAE

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We didn't understand
the truth of forever,
instead we fed each other lies
over wooden chopsticks,
believing fortune cookie delusions,
building a future out of
cardboard take out boxes.
Now we cling to dinner menus
like little paper life rafts,
all that's missing are
the cocktail umbrellas
and the last shreds of our self-respect