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MATTHEW DAY

The Divorce

I was only 5
Life changed like an overturned bowl
Will it ever be the same?
No.

My hate, my fear, my anger -
Who to blame them on?
How can I change the unchangeable?
How can I go back in time?

It was my fault!
It was yours - theirs!
I visited the wishing well again.
I threw in another coin.

People grow apart.
People grow together.
My family’s not like yours.
It’s O.K. - nobody’s the same.

KEVIN ALLEN

Melt the Cage

Resisting against your failures
might as well call a tailor
so he can mend your sanity
with just a needle and thimble
How simple!

With or without your help
your being made into another makeshift bookshelf
for the Machine’s burdensome philosophy
which teaches to cheat, kill and plunder
until at the end you’re only a meat market number

Cage door closed and your pride is shorn
you look at me and my power (reborn)
friends of yours force the mesh curtain apart
light of dignity spreads open your faint skies
start to laugh, even cry!

Melt the cage and flutter, flutter
watch how your enemies become weaker and smaller
it falls off the table
How simple!