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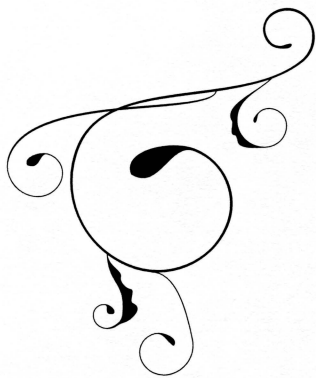
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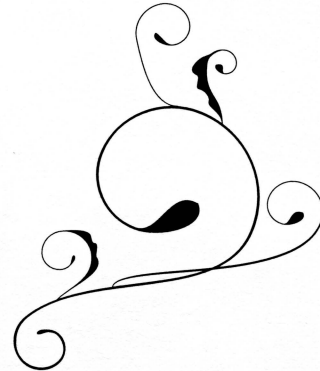
**Balcony of the World**  
**Patrick O'Brien**

Standing on the balcony of the world  
I see your face in the crowd.  
I can see your pain.  
I can almost feel it,  
Powerless I watch you struggle.  
For a moment I am king of the world  
Yet there is nothing I can do for you  
I sit alone at the top of the world  
The view is miserable.  
I stand upon the ledge now  
I cannot heal your pain  
I do not have the strength to lift you up.  
I leap carefree to you.  
Hoping I can eventually lift you  
I fall without worry forgetting the view  
Someday you will rise to the top  
Ignore the world.  
You deserve happiness.



**Necropsis**  
**Robert Volanski**

Tomorrow has died  
There it lies on the table  
Still born from the womb  
Of today's dreams  
No hope to revive it  
It has passed from us  
Never to return to this life  
Mother, Father what are we to do  
Simply live the best way we can  
Simply that child simply that



**Free.**  
**Lexi Johnson**

Come,  
wink at the world,  
taste the nectar  
taste the poison  
so tangible on our tongues  
let it free you.  
Let us laugh at those who will walk by  
and call us crazy  
As we take swigs of honey-wine air  
upon velveteen carpets of grass.  
Come, let's be free.