

Dripping Words
by Slaidey Valheim

I've grown
fond of the
way words
in short clusters
drip down pages
and lead me
ever-speeding
to the bottom.

I can't tell
if it's a sense
of instant
gratification

—
line after line
—

passing faster
than my eyes
can flit;
most often
they don't
even bother.

Or maybe

it's the artist
in me,
fascinated by
the concept
of visual weight
and the way
paintings draw
your attention
so intentionally
across the canvas;
predestined lines
for eyes to follow.

Do you find it annoying?

Or do you also get
an odd surge
of delight
from the impact,
when your brain
comes to the end
of a long
meandering sentence
and you arrive
full stop
at the bottom
of the page?

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The Dark Stairs
by Thomas Kropp

The dark stairs
Come up here
I welcome you into my embrace
Warm and inviting
Stay up here
Wake up scared
I can't get out
Here I suffocate
Dark in the night
I beg for air
And pray for morning light

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Limits
by Tim Johnston

I balance on the soft edge
of a flat graveled roof.
I'm broke, and a homeless man
just stole my fucking sunglasses.
That's why I'm here.
I'm not crazy, just tired.
Tired of waking up.
Tired of going to sleep.
I'm even too tired
to jump off this fucking building.
Maybe someone will give me a push.
I'll thank them on the way down.

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SubCon
by Nate Colton

Buy Perfume just to spray
The lonely side of the bed
Marinate my dreams
Scents turn sour
Grab a phantom by the neck
Subconscious display of power
Wake up in a sweat
Alarms snooze for an hour
Drift off again slowly
Awoken by laughter

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Psychopath in Training
by Mindy Semingsen

After what you've done
you look me straight
in the eyes
and smile
as I cling to my mother

I'm just another step
in your training

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Don't Eat The Bananas
by Bunny Wilde

I wanted to bring you home
make you mine
peel you open
roll you on my tongue
swallow what's under that skin
but the swarm had come
whispering death
down onto your yellow fingers
so I walk on by
as the flies take you
you can rot for someone else

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a perfect poem of rhyme, repetition,
aliteration, consonance, assonance, form etc.
by Matt Wall

blah blah blah
blah blah blah
blah blah blah
blah blah blah

blah

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