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John Yamrus: "when i die" & Four More Poems

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John Yamrus has published 20 volumes of poetry and 2 novels. He has also had more than 1,400 poems published in print magazines around the world. His latest book, *BARK*, is a collection of poems about man's best friend. His website is johnyamrus.com.

when i die,

do

me

a

favor

and

do

not

write

R.I.P.

on

the

rear

window

of

your

car.

sometimes

the

poem

asks

to not

be

written.

it's

there,

but

i

respect

its

silence.

when i said to Frankie

the internet poet,

that posting poems

on the net

is a monumental waste of time

and talent, and does

nothing at all

for book

sales.

he said

he didn't

care a thing

for sales, and

more often than not

he traded copies of his

books

for books by

other guys (who i'm sure

are also

internet poets).

he said

he wasn't in it

for the pay day...

he just wanted to

share his gift

with the

world.

let

that

give him

something

to think about

the

next time

the gas bill's

due.

i love you

at

70

miles

an

hour,

in

traffic,

on

the

Schuylkill expressway,

when

everything

else

around

me

has turned to

madness,

spilled wine

and

fear.

until

a

few

days ago,

my favorite

first line

from a

novel

was the Bukowski book

that

started out:

"It began as a mistake."

now,

my favorite

first line in a novel

comes from Peter Pan,

which reads:

"All children, except one, grow up."

and that's

really

the

only

mistake.

Cultural Weekly is proud to premiere these poems in this edition.

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