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Lucky Murdock: Three Skomps & Guidelines

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SKOMP! (EXPERIMENTAL POETRY)

“I started this experiment sometime during grad school. I believe it was 2018. My foremost goal with this project was to unblock my creative urges. What I created is something I would describe as “noise poetry.” SKOMP! incorporates improvisation, the subconscious, and unflinching honesty.”

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GUIDELINES FOR WRITING A SKOMP

Awareness

You must have a concept of self in order to write a skomp.

Intent

A skomp should be done with intent.

Commitment

You should never delete any part of a skomp, only entire skomps.

Focus

You should not step away before finishing a skomp.

Title

The purpose of a skomp’s title is to frame its reception.

Form

A skomp is always a sonnet.

Rules

Rules are for nerds.

Conflict

A skomp should be in conflict with itself.

Meaning

A skomp’s meaning is subjective and is inflicted by its audience, not its author.

Skomp for Gertrude Stein

holddyourbereath
 holdyournekstringshold
 ydol holdyourhandstrings
 don'thold myhand don't
 hold scissors whenyourundowntheupescalator
 don'thold the left handles
 don't help thosewith knoe knees
 havecofee have tea
 have cocaineonyour breath
 withGertrudeStein with Gertrude Stein with Gert
 rudeStein theplastics
 the plastics we meadeinthe
 1960s are aging getting older so they'l be
 toxic rainbowsonthefloor

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Sonnet for the End of the World

manwhat the fuckin hams
 the world justupand ands
 it ands as in yes, and
 in somefarcical enveneveloent
 hope dampenere ringwallid
 lead poised halibutangry
 peopledying fuckyou
 you rich fuck
 fuck you
 you other rich fuck
 the world is goddamn ending
 and you're con'rd
 that virus gon' get
 ur guts

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Shatter

waitforthat bi bulb to
 pop in your facehold glass sprinkles
 inyour pulmones in your alveoli ravioli
 medical dictionarty art diction
 thepop the old pops tink tink
 plow the tissuepaperof your eyelids
 withrazorfrisbeeze hacking up black tar
 tlevision is the television of the tlelel

atlatl hurls mas into sa asinglepoint
will my shoes outlast my feet?
atlas wrapsup space into a tiny
little bound section of hell
iron wafflwes make bagandbangbagsand
bagandabagandbagsandopenlooseandbagsandbangsandloosewaste

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