

A Little Of This/A Little Of That

By Daniel Klawitter

Every person you meet
is a chemical blend
of dust and divinity,
virtue and sin.

Each of us is a Gemini,
each of us a twin.
And who knows which one
will win in the end?

But most of us at least pretend
to live somewhere in
the middle:
as walking riddles,
puzzles with legs.

At times,
hanging naked and ashamed
on crosses of our own design,

we try to find
the inner seed of discontent
and evict the unwelcome resident
that resides within.

But do not forsake entirely
the moist part of your battered heart
as you try to tame the beast.
Rather, savor it like a feast
and wear it gently on the sleeve
of your clothes.

For everyone knows
that a rose in shit
is still a rose.

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