

Chance of a small royalty

1.

when you contact them

during these times

about possible reduced rent-related costs

during these times

such insights will glide over you
like the days
and you will scroll through
to next week's

atrocities
like the days
atrocities

every time the sirens
the rescue dogs next door
predicting who will be next

howl in unison
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A guy called Doomer who text me incessantly
telling me it was his and I knew it
and give it to him

telling me it was his and I knew it

Someone down the road
who thought he knew where I lived
or not
trying to make me
meet the social contract
of being a male with
cheap wheels
at the mercy of
hard cash
and the word
buddy
3-point steady
into the present

All these assertive men

whether authentic or not
whether authentic
trying to make me
meet the social contract

cheap wheels

hard cash

buddy

3-point steady
into the present

Norsemen came ashore
planning to surprise
sleeping Scottish forces
removed their boots for a
quieter assault but a
prickly patch of thistle
saved the day
and that's why the thistle
became the national flower

Monsters swell there

Alerted the Scots

Then followed the slaughter

I go for a winter swim.

Nothing is reborn
I stop thinking
nothing sinks.
I stop thinking
for as long as the sea
keeps me at bay

In hindsight
a sense of wonderment
as to why you stayed so long.
Wild ride
Put my Ford Fiesta on Gumtree
Sunday night and
within minutes
a deluge of offers,
propositions, desperation
and harassment / as I detailed
the absence they all offered
to pay upfront without looking
I walked away in the dark
glad to see the brake-lights
still functioned
they turned too tight
into their futures, me
3-point steady
into the present

looking me in the eye

every time the sirens
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a sense of wonderment
as to why you
stayed so long

nothing sinks.
I stop thinking

Monsters swell there

Wild ride
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Sunday night and
Wild ride
A bidding war started
received A bidding war started
I tried to stop it
as I detailed the absence
to pay upfront without looking
I walked away in the dark
glad to see the brake-lights
still functioned

she gave me
a thousand in crisp
fifties without
getting into the
car or

looking me in the eye

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between the two armies

turned too tight into their futures

saved the day

2.

I look up the American price for pineapple

depending if they're precut

We first met in the sunshine state

typically we talked

I looked up the cost of divorce

they charge you by the pizza topping

by the sound of

they typically cost \$2 to \$4

pieces

both of us halved

big bruised things

pieces

they charge you by the pound

hair

tears

hair

tears

glints of jewelry

nail polish in a fun colour

piña colada baby

(such a small-scale production)

We will come back

as ladies in waiting at an 80s wedding

We will come back lonely

as a single sequin

fallen off a fancy dress

on the sidewalk

We will come back

as a trip hazard

sundown on the day of atonement

[I have a few

reminders of you

not that many,

and I don't want any

more -]

Don't fool around

he's

he's

w/ that guy

an unusual guy

a genius

wolves the street, sharp

like jacket weather

pale feet and silver light

smells of charred lamb or potatoes

he's a short block or two

from me and you

I look up the cost of genius

first site first says

second

Olivia Newton-John's grandfather

pale feet and silver light

I'm fucking lonely

genius is a state of mind

was a quantum pioneer

Tesla fed pigeons in the park near his home

I look up bird brains
I look at my reflection

I know Todd is having some problems
none of that matters to me
he's just a fox
who thought he had power over me

I do not want a husband
I do not want a fox
I had someone to whom I could say
look it's spring again

the season that goes so fast
like Jonah

without my saying anything

Wild ride
Put my Ford Fiesta on Gumtree
Sunday night and
within minutes they
turned too tight
into their futures they
she gave me
a thousand in crisp
fifty-dollar bills they
turned too tight
Where *did* I get the money
for that first abortion anyway?

without my saying anything
every time the sirens
every time the sirens
howl in unison
Choose your ending.

It is a writer's best friend.
Every time the sirens

Know your ending.

There's no scientific evidence that pineapples

(Screenwriter advice)

only non-mammals
to pass the mirror test
they are packed with neurons
humans are breadcrumbs

and then this thing
and then this thing / and then *this* thing
and then this thing

/ but I wish

/ but I wish

and takes some boys
Jonah gone for good
I think the point is made
the passing beauty

Wild ride
Put my Ford Fiesta on Gumtree
Sunday night and
Wild ride
turned too tight
into their futures they
turned too tight
into their futures she
gave me a thousand in
crisp fifty-dollar bills
for that first abortion anyway?
Where *did* I get the money

without getting in the car
or looking me in the eye
the rescue dogs next door
howl in unison
howl in unison

Choose your ending
Go there early.
Know your ending.

are dangerous during pregnancy