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# ROT BOY SPRING ANTHOLOGY

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Koi Nagata:

an old cat straining shits  
in such a pose  
my mother dies in winter

my head  
a hole?  
camellia-fall

a firefly  
lights a firefly  
dead

lonely  
growing onions  
in this world of dreams

snails mate  
the flesh of one  
eats into the other's

death is coming  
under the plum trees  
some laugh loudly

Yagi Mikajo:

a hundred black centipedes  
the ritual of washing bones  
accomplished

Hatano Soha:

bamboo leaves fall  
a dog also  
leaves shit

moving on  
the dark lake  
a paulownia leaf

Murio Suzuki:

from the sight  
of the man who was killed  
we also vanished

Saito Sanki:

at the shriek of artillery  
bird beast fish shellfish  
chilling dim

Hiroshima  
to eat a boiled egg  
the mouth opens

water cushion  
chomp!  
it's a chilly ocean

having eaten whale-meat  
orphans and a doctor  
play baseball

sunflower petals fall  
on a black mass  
of ants

autumn nightfall  
the bones of a big fish  
borne out to sea

Masaoka Shiki:

autumn passes  
for me no gods  
no buddhas

loofah-bloom  
I full of phlegm  
become a buddha

Kyoshi Takahama:

a butterfly eating things  
a sound that is  
so still

Takayanagi Shigenobu:

a rainbow's body bent backwards  
at its summit  
a hanging gallows

Akira Mitani:

sea lice  
live without shadows  
die without shadows

Kaneko Tohta:

walk of no-god  
dawn on the cape  
lighting a cigarette

my long-lived mother  
birthed me  
like a shit

we all flow  
float away  
the sea-tide stays

the ascension of a penurious peasant  
paler blue than Christ  
into soil

bank-clerks  
like squid are fluorescent  
in the morning

floating together  
songs from canoes  
and dead fish bombed

Ban'ya Natsuishi:

illness in one eye  
I'm walking  
like a goldfish

Tanedo Santoka:

when I die  
rain-fall  
weeds

does my straw hat  
also  
leak?

between life  
and death  
snow falls still

Hosai Ozaki:

coughing  
even  
alone

to the winter river  
tossing trash  
I return

beautiful  
tits  
and a mosquito

Jack Kerouac:

useless useless  
heavy rain driving  
into the sea

a nightly moth comes  
to a nightly death  
at my lamp

ancient ancient world  
tight skirts  
by the new car

man  
nothing but  
a rain barrel