



Pause For Poetry:
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Description

Anomalies

A poem by **Michael Hawkes**

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Short term politicians count
Dysfunctional calculators
While brandishing exchequers
At the fiery gates of hell.

Already buried in deep silos
Shoulders sagging under epaulets
Medals melting over racing hearts
Warlords count down switches
In paralytic fury.

Clergies congregate, to count their blessings
Halos, kippahs, crowns, miters, mufti,
Fervent faces raised or bodies humbly bowed,
Awaiting their makers in air cooled chambers
While flocks go forth to multiply.

Ankle deep in mud, planting shoots of rice
Here where manual labor, rain and sun suffice,
A pleasant pause to stretch the back
To mop the brow 'neath gathering clouds
And watch the heron take to flight.

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Poetry Launch



Willow Loveday Little – Image: courtesy of Willow Loveday Little

On **Thursday, July 21** at 6:30 pm, the **launch party** of **Willow Loveday Little's** debut collection of poetry, **(Vice) Viscera** (Cactus Press 2022), will take place at the MAI (Montréal, arts interculturels), 3680 Jeanne-Mance, Montreal.

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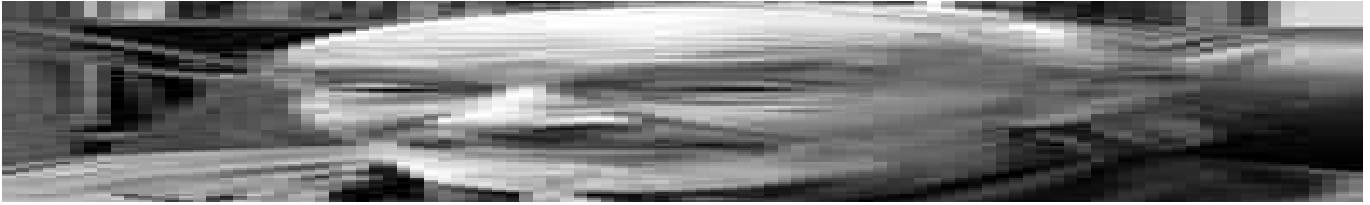
Willow Loveday Little is a Canadian writer whose work has appeared in such places as *yolk literary*, *on spec*, *The Dalhousie Review*, and the Selkie's *Very Much Alive: Stories of Resilience*.

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Michael Hawkes is a survivor of all the world's wars. He learned (and loved to rhyme) by torturing the hymns he had to sing at school. A retired West Coast fisherman living in Montreal since 2013, he is an unschooled Grandpa Moses writing an average of five poems every week.



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