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For Father and Mother,
And for Ameena, the guest who did not stay.

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Our love for women brings us closer to God.
Ibn Arabi

Mysticism is an embodiment of artistic vision.
Adonis

*The poem is an abandonment of the intellect it cannot be
anything else.*
Andre Breton

*The great difference between poets and madmen is the destiny of
the madness that possesses them.*
Jose Saramago

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The Poet of Sand



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The Peninsula of Poets

MARTIN Espada welcomed me with a slap
On my left cheek, he pulled my ear
& tossed me into the 'Academy of Poetry' where Gogol
An ancient ape, the Peninsula's poet laureate
Sat me up and taught me:
Hukku yyakku huhhu huk
The ABC of poetry & the 7 articles of a poet's faith

ADONIS handed me the key to
The Peninsula's treasury.
He spoke through many voices:
The voice of Mihyar of Damascus
The voice of sand and salt
The voice of the blood of Adonis
The voice of the interrupting sky:

It lies inside You, within You, about You, outside You
It is a dense fog of darkness, It is the
meaningless(ness) of life

DARWISH led me through the absence of presence

SIMIC bestowed me with love
A girly roach, my queen, the coquette
I sing lyrics for every other night

I took her out on a date last evening
She wore lipstick and high heels
On her seven sexy legs

While I consumed hot chocolate and chips
She sniffed the inside of a breast.
She even ran down, ran up to the next table
For a reason I quite do not know

The table was home, a dark corner,
The shadow of a tree, a thick flowerbed,
A roomy wardrobe for two septuagenarian lovers
Whose thighs & tongues were interlocked & hands
Busy dipping into each other's underwear

BILLY Collins was the very last I met
He tied me to a chair and tortured
A confession out of me:

What is P?

When is P seen as P?

Who made P P?

Why is P considered to be P?

When I was leaving, he consoled me with a gift
An apple that astonishes: Good Poetry, he said, is a chick
A voluptuous curvy, sexy chick, with protruding breasts
Heavy backside, an enormous clit
And a never ending quest to go more and more