

Winning Poems in 2020 CFCP, Inc., Annual Contest

4. Light or Humorous Poem, Second Place

Reprimand

(for "Moon Madness" by Andrew Wyeth)

You know, Moon,
I've gotta draw the line this time.
There really is such a thing as
being too ostentatious,
too full of yourself,
and I'm sure you were hoping
that all of us poets
would look at this painting,
find words to praise you,
pen rhymed words about how you inspire
lovers, werewolves, and lunatics,
how you pull the tides,
how you always hide your Dark Side,
but I'm not going to do it this time,
because this is simply too much,
too hard to believe,
and while we're on the subject,
I'd like to remind you that your
fine, flour-like dust is lethal,
your true colors are dull grays,
that you would never look luminescent
if it weren't for the sun,
and as far as I know, only
twelve people have ever visited you
in person.

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