

## Two Poems by Richard Alan Bunch

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### Appassionato April

After you draw  
a jet set model  
with her hot pink  
and black lips parted,  
dreams flutter over  
the fairest wave  
that rides the sea  
as it washes away  
your drawing.

Later, as you walk  
the dog in the park,  
you greet others  
with “Namaste”  
and “Peace, bro”

In the vibrancies of  
appassionato April  
and among  
quivering pigeons,  
you watch as our river  
runs into an estuary  
known as Nowhere  
Zen New Mexico  
on the edges  
of moonrise.

Sometimes, beneath  
a blanket  
of dragonflies and wind,  
our lives bristle

with the resounding  
ashes of loneliness.



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## Ravishments

We pass from long-bearded  
library silence,  
which can be good for dreaming,  
to the clamor  
of noontide sounds,  
with their subliminal clinkings,  
lounging upon a sand dune.

In the ravishments of truth,  
we are at times  
bitter-hearted sweethearts  
adazzled with freckle-faced  
fireworks sphered in ourselves.

At other moments,  
we rest our dreamy spines  
against the morning sun.

Poetically we dwell  
in a region with sea cliffs  
and smart estuaries,  
our images always  
ripening in the leaves  
as well as the currents  
we carry in our voices.

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