### AFTER THE EXPIRATION DATE

# **Unexpired**

The last days to come, came to pass, and more days are coming still
An unfairly dealt hand was dealt back unfairly
Foundation cracked by the weight of daytime dreams
To be odd and kind, once venomous and retching
Now unexpired and full of time
The many days to come, will come to pass and more days are coming still

### **Two Man Show**

Turn to face those over your shoulder and behind your back
Those that smile, do so easily and those with eyes averted, do so quietly
Gemini not by the stars but by divergence above the roots
Which side do they see and which side do they know
Not a coin to be flipped, influenced by probability and statistics
Not a fruitful tree or a path of devastation but a ride that ends on a whimper
Stumble with the wind, sway with the leaves as if they may fall
The truth is marked gravely in the dirt

### **Everest**

So I climbed a mountain
After years of fine tuning muscular systems unknown to most
To stretch and strain on earth's most ancient limbs
Obtain the long awaited gaze, it washes over these eyeballs
Deep breath - stare - silence
It's cold up here
How long do I have to stay

## **Godshed**

They didn't need someone like me Still they were accepting I could have joined and shed the skin That had been painted on all along In the remains of failed dreams, Rejection slithered a snake A jester in a royal court A starved hunter once abandoned

# **Mistakes Like Grenades**

Weights crack the foundation
Burdens leave a tattoo
Regrets taint the water
Forgiveness i'm bound to lose
Pain tips the bottle
Alone pushes a needle
Time loads a chamber
Time to get me through
I wasn't always so wrapped up in a ruse
All of these dreams were made to be chased
Tried so hard to please the wrong people
Making mistakes like grenades