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Worker's Disability Compensation Act Sec. 7

by K. W. Striking

"The loss of the first phalange of the thumb, or of any finger, shall be considered to be equal to the loss of ½ of such thumb or finger, and compensation shall be ½ of the amounts below specified . . ."

Machines drink blood,
ask the oily shop man
severed from his hand;
an Adam severed from Eden,
paid off in alien earth.
Just compensation
though not just a hand—

a member of a family
that placidly lay
over Mona Lisa's lap,
blood of the divine phalanges
reaching for creation across
the Sistine's cracks of time.

Machines drink blood,
ask the oily shop man
severed from his hand,
who suffers an ironic salute
to Deus ex Machina.

Icarus

by Michael Vargo

It's easy to
see
that I use
you
and you use
me

It aint love, but
it aint bad.



Untitled linoleum cut, by Valerie Jenkins

From Afar

by Bosco Turk

Shattered glance

fantasy tasted on the sly,
brush of blond as you slide by

Nothing chanced.