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Another Day Older

by Bosco Turk

sun sets
aborting rays,
baptized lake
younger days,
sands swept clean
of resolution,
minds swept clean
in retribution.
dig a little deeper—
gentlemen don't sweat,
another day older and
a little less wet.

Mud Defiled

by Heather Fox

Rain comes and it begins
grains of sand, spongy loam
and fermented peat
melt into mud—
the kind of soft syrupy
glaze, that, if applied
lavishly to a Palm Beach
face, could import miracle
deeds of blemish control,
and impart new boundaries
of confidence.
Yet I derive the same
results
from a walk in a mucky garden,
each step sucks at my feet
the pull of earth laden with compost
the cling of moisture
the locking of mud
creation of a bond bored Riviera princesses
try to bottle—
a curative best discerned
by vegetables, toes, and ankles,
not noses.