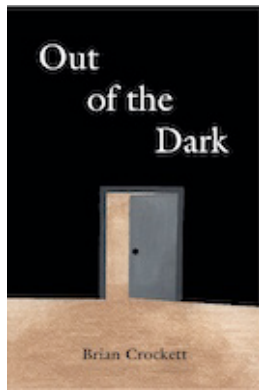


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**Harvest**

Fields sown with feelings bloom  
With glass blossoms.  
They are heavy.  
They are pendulums in gentle breezes;  
Lodestones in storms.  
They fly only in reflection  
Reflecting the passing, pregnant sky.  
They are poetry in motion,  
Moving as the earth moves.  
Reflecting color while colorless,  
Capturing emptiness and smiling back.  
Fields sown with feelings bloom  
In harvests of broken glass.

**Resentment**

Cigarettes in corner cupboards  
Hidden behind corncob prongs;  
Coiled serpents scaled in cancer  
But cancer is a sweet perfume.

Every evening, secret sneaking,  
Past windows staring empty gloom;  
Catching glimpses in reflections,  
Anticipating open wounds.

**Forgiveness**

We put prices on ourselves.  
A job is 50,000.  
A kiss is 25.  
Pain is entitlement to collect  
Yearly payments of dignity.

**Left**

Second-hand tattered standards  
Wave on droning drones  
Ever left.  
Polished shoes and rictus grins  
Split faces left to right.  
March on,  
Left two three four.

The transport docks in theological bay  
And waiting soldiers storm the beach  
From left to right.  
The conveyor groans in counter-clock  
Filling pine ovaries;  
Home to heaven under curfew.  
Left two three four.

Circling steps, stumbling feet  
Circling Eden's iron tree.  
Forsake well-trod paths for  
Being well-trod,

And right turns lead ever wrong  
Right is wrong.  
March left;  
Left two three four,  
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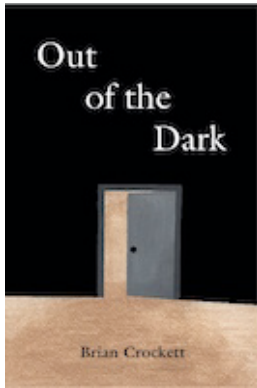
**A Trail in the Woods**

One muted sun winks through  
Scornful clouds that  
Hide their faces from me.  
The heavens strain away  
As bloodless arms supplicate  
In a dead man's trance.  
Ten bare fingers bow  
To winter's whispering lips.  
I count aloud to seven.

One trail half-erased in creep  
Thorns, thistles  
Overseen by familiar reign of  
Three pine stumps muttering eulogy  
That make me forget seven.  
Footprints mark in secret moments  
Where two children trod  
From castles to oceans, back again.  
The obscurity falls at my knell of seven.

Stone jaws tease, those familiar tones  
Voiced in spectral wind,  
Six smooth rocks with wan edges  
Frame alluring faces stained in sanguine tones.  
Stumbling stones with jagged snares  
And breathless spirit,  
Beckon with serpentine secrets;  
Sibilant, sepulchral,  
To countless paths that never were.





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