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## Colander

You held your truth like a trophy on  
stage of togetherness. I cached mine  
in statements of the scholarly. Both  
obliterated contrariness is another's blague.

*May all you do comes back to you* is  
intentioned as a compliment but it tears  
into tropology. How to convey, one is  
in prayer sans a spectacle?

## Nugaciousness

Thumbprint of your breath on my pilose chest.  
Haptic sensations with happy sentences outline  
early drafts of our opus, never published. With  
the onset of orexigenic ribs we move at a pace  
which isn't perspicacious. Wise to precipitation  
leading to ruination isn't palliative. Will the  
backing of recollections balm us?

## Slugfest with Sundowner

Jam-packed in six or nine identic boxes  
on the boob tube, they mill the other sans  
gloves. Verbal boxing grazes no-one or  
their cousin. In this lives a trussed up part  
of the populace. Lingual pugilist are on hire  
for prime time: renumeration or réclame.

## Thriver

Hedgerows on my heart stemmed  
when breath needed the other. There

is contingency in uncultivation: love  
blazons here, there and everywhere  
Winnowing is a skill not many wow  
you with. In regimentation there is  
rectitude. Bitted emotions sublimate.

## About the Poet

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