

the image of God
illuminating my path
through cathedral windows
WG

the stained glass creating
an eternal window
EF

in the empty cathedral
little girl dances
with the sunbeams
NS

her white dress
reflecting pink

bending over
in her see-through dress
cherry blossoms
LM

the high school teacher
loses her job
NK

Haiku class comes together
twice a week. Here, (almost)
all of their minds come
together to form one Kasen-
renga from what they've
learned together.

She Lives Through School

LM, TNP, NS, EF, WG, AD, NK,
RB, GJB, CG
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this river
still the same
as before he was lost
LM

she reaches for
the spring pebbles
TNP

ice water
and memories
...flowing
NS

the winter lake
full of life
EF

dark waters
I dive
into the moon
WG

the dark image
inspiring each brush stroke
AD
dark grounds

she doesn't notice
the man in the trees
WG

cool moon light
rests on her skin
her ring shining
TP

heartfelt hug
the ivy clings
to red brick wall
GJB

broke
hungry
college
LM

strangely dressed as
a winter pine
EF

her favorite gift
from her life-long lover
EF

lost wristwatch
gathering dust in the school
RB

ramen again
maybe Aldi tomorrow
TNP

perched under a tree
hunter
and his dog
NS

noticing her looking
he lowers slowly
to kiss her neck
AD

in the office
the student sits
unknowing
AD

another stack of bills
pushed aside
he counts down to payday
NS

ears tuned into
a grassy hill
TNP

gliding through air
the plastic bag
RB

fire sweeping all
of the belongings
EF

living week by week
he fears for his family
EF

lowering her shotgun
she chooses life
deer runs away
LM

teeth on lip
she nibbles, unsure
watching them open presents
GJB

the call from home
time stops
his heart the same
TNP

at his end
the moonlit window
reminds him of daybreak
WG

firing at the knees
the charging beast
NK

opening at dawn
tiny blossoms
CG

no more money
in another state
NK

multicolored sunlight
shines through stain glass
AD