

Rae Armantrout

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The ghosts swarm. They speak as one person. Each has left something undone.

~Rae Armantrout

Poetry wants to make things mean more than they mean, says someone, as if we knew how much things meant, and in what unit of measure.

~Rae Armantrout

Metaphor is ritual sacrifice. It kills the look-alike. No, metaphor is homeopathy.

~Rae Armantrout

But here I hold your dream in my poem.

~Rae Armantrout

Curled up in bed, I'm young in the old way.

~Rae Armantrout

The crowd is made of little gods, and there is still no heaven.

~Rae Armantrout

The fear that all this will end. The fear that it won't.

~Rae Armantrout

We are all full of discourses that we only half understand and half mean.

~Rae Armantrout

We sleep together in the dark but confuse light with love.

~Rae Armantrout

I know you by your willingness.

~Rae Armantrout

clarity need not be equivalent to / readability. How readable is the world?

~Rae Armantrout

Carried by light, images remain while sensation is so evanescent as to be always beyond belief.

~Rae Armantrout

The future is all around here.' It's a place, anyplace where we don't exist.

~Rae Armantrout

Thus drivers inching southward will see the phalanx of birds heading west as one spontaneous gesture.

~Rae Armantrout

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