

COBIS Poetry Competition 2019

Category C: 15-19 Years Winner

The And

And they lived happily ever after.
Before the seeds of discomfort germinate anew
The roots and saplings of dismay crawl through
Crowded life
Blossoming into the forest of
Sorrow

And they awoke.
Before realisation brightens in the mind
Reality sits again comfortably on their back
Mundanity locks them in its embrace
Leaving them yearning for sweet
Sleep

And then there was peace.
Before man forgets
And fury's fire warms again the spirits
And the weapon is brandished
Burning in the heat of
War

And they died.
Before the dark earth swallows them
Into its cave and slowly
Digests
Growing into
Life

And they lived.
Before the weight of life
Curves their weary backs
Dragging them down
To muddy
Death

And humanity signs its name on the last page
Before the page is flipped
And a blank one waits for the story to
Continue

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