

Honorable Mention

Content

Outside a restaurant in Chivay, Peru
the short-haired yellow dog
gazes furtively up at you
and away,
brings her head and brown eyes
down shyly, yet hopefully.

*Ola, pero, you say.
Orbs raise, blink.
Tail wags, thumping the stucco wall
where you lean.
Oh, you're a good dog.
You're such a good dog.*

She sits, raises her paw,
presses your leg with kindness in return.

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Saint of the Day

In class she knits prayer shawls.
Smooth yarn rolls between her fingers
like rosary beads. Each stitch
a wish for recovery from sickness
heartache, addiction. By noon

she is halfway there. The instructor
frowns at her, blind to the work
of her soul.

- Jan Chronister

- Marilyn Zelke-Windau

Confirming friendship,
she lays down, rests her chin
on your shoe,
content to be near you and rest.

Editor's Appreciation

Holstein

I was also a child.
And also had one,
and another a year after,
and another,
and could not touch

even one.
Had I been born into a kinder
world, my milk would have been
for them. No one would have pulled
my children from my body

to crates, their lungs
full of loss.
Had I lived in a kind world,
long stretches of me
would have weaved
in the stretches of the world,

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Thanks to all who submitted their work.

Our Anthology, 'The Best of Kindness'
will be available on Amazon, April 2016

- Gretchen Primack

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at the great spill of me. Smell me
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taking in the milk I created
my natural-born children