



DRIZZLE

the stars~drizzle~
~
~their laminar~syrup
in~slow~undulating~coils~
~of~
~luminous~
~coagulation~
~
~unspooling~like a~taut~
peppermint~
~lasso~
~or a latex~spiral~staircase
~
~unspiralling itself~
~
~with~molten~audacity
~
~a single~
unbroken~stream~of
~semi-fluid~
~substantially dilute~
~liquid~opulence~

Emily Hartley-Skudder

Rinse & Repeat

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WEEP

Tears
Drips
Like
Mice
In
Glass
High
Heels
Down
A
Pink
Porcelain
Staircase
And
Whip
The
Sink
With
Their
Hot
Crystal
Reprimands

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OOZE

Microbeads throb
in the luxuriant, primordial brine
of the personal hygiene aisle

Here in the shallows
I am growing tetrapodic
I am eschewing gill-based respiration!

Every day
my lungs are growing stronger.
Every day, I am getting closer
and closer to land.

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GUSH

Get in losers!

This pontoon isn't going to sink itself.

I have a huge, aquamarine boredom

So grab an oar and start paddling!

We're entering our Orinoco-flow era

We're white-water rafting down the River Styx

We're subscribing to Poseidon's substack

We're getting Odyssey-pilled

Wind down the window of your submersible,
sweetheart

20 thousand leagues under the
whatever

I am playing your leitmotif

on an underwater piano

I am wearing a 100% authentic pearl necklace

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MELT

You cursed brat!

Look at what you've done.

"I am melting, I am melting"

.....etc

I sit in the bath

with my stunted clawfoot heart

frowning at the ceiling

& the mirror begins to sweat

Can't you turn the heat down a little?

My heart's already in puddles

Like a prehistoric, disease-ridden iceberg

releasing airborne pathogens

Kindly prise this house off my legs

I've got some cursing to do.

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POOL

Ugh! I'm sick of this life
I'm just going to put on this suit of armour
and lie face down on the bottom of your
swimming pool

Uhoh!
My eyes have sprung a leak!
Tell me, whose hair is that in your plughole?

Don't mind me
I am like a viper in a gilded cage, etc
I'm just going to empty this entire pitcher of
pomegranate juice
all over your pristine bathroom floor

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SCRUB

Let's put our gloves on and have a little fun
I've got a knack for getting what I want
It's amazing what you can accomplish, with
a little soap and water
So get on your knees, and scrub

I've got a taste for the finer things in life
I want this toilet so clean
I could fill it with champagne
and flush your head down it.

I can tell you're the type who likes to live
dangerously
You sure know your way around a mop
But you're not the only one with a trick up
your sleeve

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ATOMISE

I'm not as naive as I look
I've got a huge, marine entitlement
I'm crusted with rhinestones
like dewdrops, on a winter cabbage

Watch out!
Here I come
ascending from my clamshell
in a veil of sea foam
wearing a kelp feather boa
with murder in my eyes

Watch out!
My hand is rising out of your toilet
wielding an ancient and mythical sword!

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SLOSH

Pour me another drink sweetheart
All this crying is making me thirsty
Can you handle a woman with a plan?
I've got enough money in the bank to buy
this whole damn seaworld!

Top up my glass....
just a little higher....
You're not the only one with a hidden
agenda!

I'm not crying, i'm allergic to destiny
O let's raise a glass to fate
"Of all the specialist aquarium outlets
in all the towns, in all the world, you had to
walk into mine."

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SPURT

The waterfalls are wet...
and the oceans are wet...
all the fish in all oceans of all the world are
wet
things are wet, and they're only getting
wetter...
the roses, throbbing with dewdrops
the taps puckered tight, like a silver orifice

Is that a water pistol in your pocket, or are
you just happy to see me?
Baby, I can see your divining rod twitching.
Baby,
Let me play my trumpet
into your tropical, saltwater aquarium

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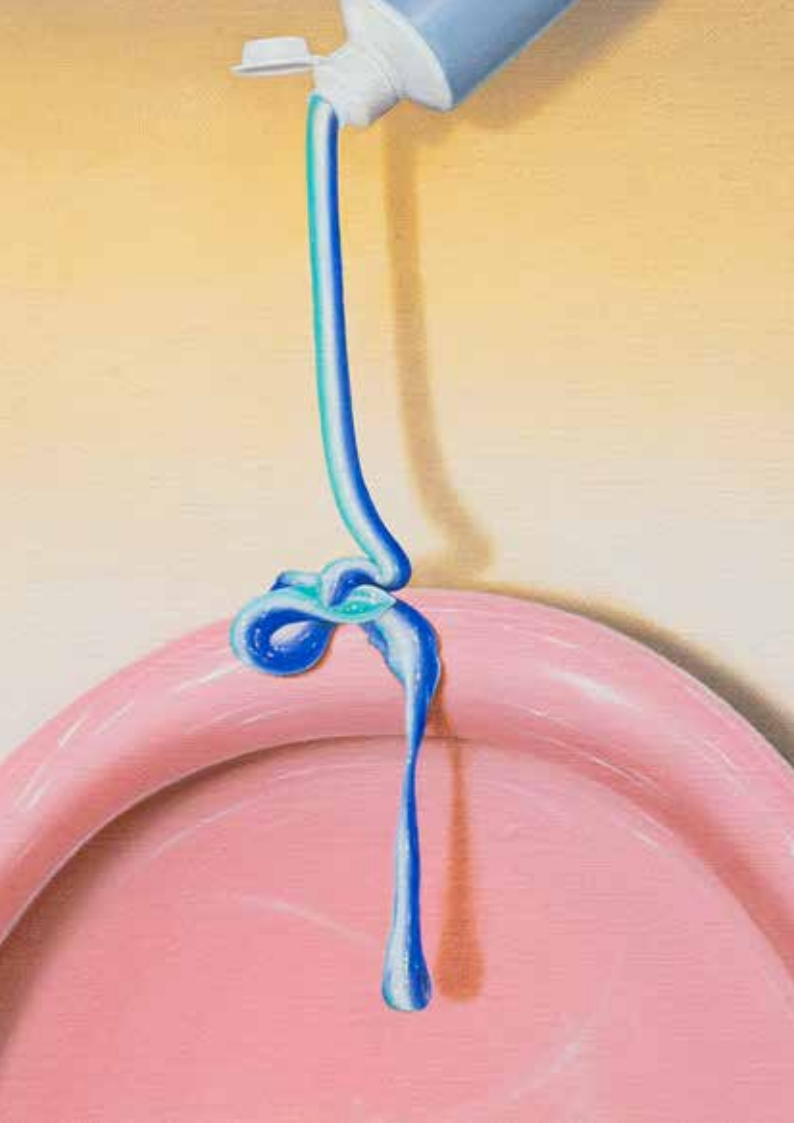
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EXUDE

Hey! Can't you see what I'm exuding here?

It's an old fashioned, peppermint charm

A cool silver wind

blowing down the interstate

Baby, I was born to be adored

I am unconsciously mimicking your body

language

I am maintaining unsubtle and deliberate

eye contact

I am showing you my teeth

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PURIFY

i want to be.....marinated.....
.....in a jacuzzi.....
.....of tripple strength.....
.....pine-blast holy water.....
.....my microbes.....
.....shucked.....like barnacles.....
.....from the black hull.....
.....of the titanic...
.....i want to be.....lathed....
.....and exfoliated.....
.....then dunked!.....
...in a baptismal font of.....
.....hospital-grade.....
.....anti-microbial.....mouthwash.....
.....then laid.....
.....naked and throbbing.....
.....on the cool...aseptic....
.....tiles.....of your regard.....

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HYDRATE

.....I want to lie.....
.....in the suffocating heat
....of the midnight desert.....parched
and.....gasping.....
....the wind.....getting hotter.....and hotter
.....until the stars
.....begin to dessicate.....and flap.....
....in their sockets.....
.....i want to lie.....
in your unrelenting....solar glare.....until I
am pink & sizzling.....like a crashed corvette...
.....then shucked!.....
.....from my wetsuit.....like a soft shell crab
.....and thrown....
.....into the.....electrolyte-rich...broth.....
.....of the community swimming pool
..to rise!.....bedazzled.....and gasping.....
.....from the fresh indignity.....
...of your wet agenda.....

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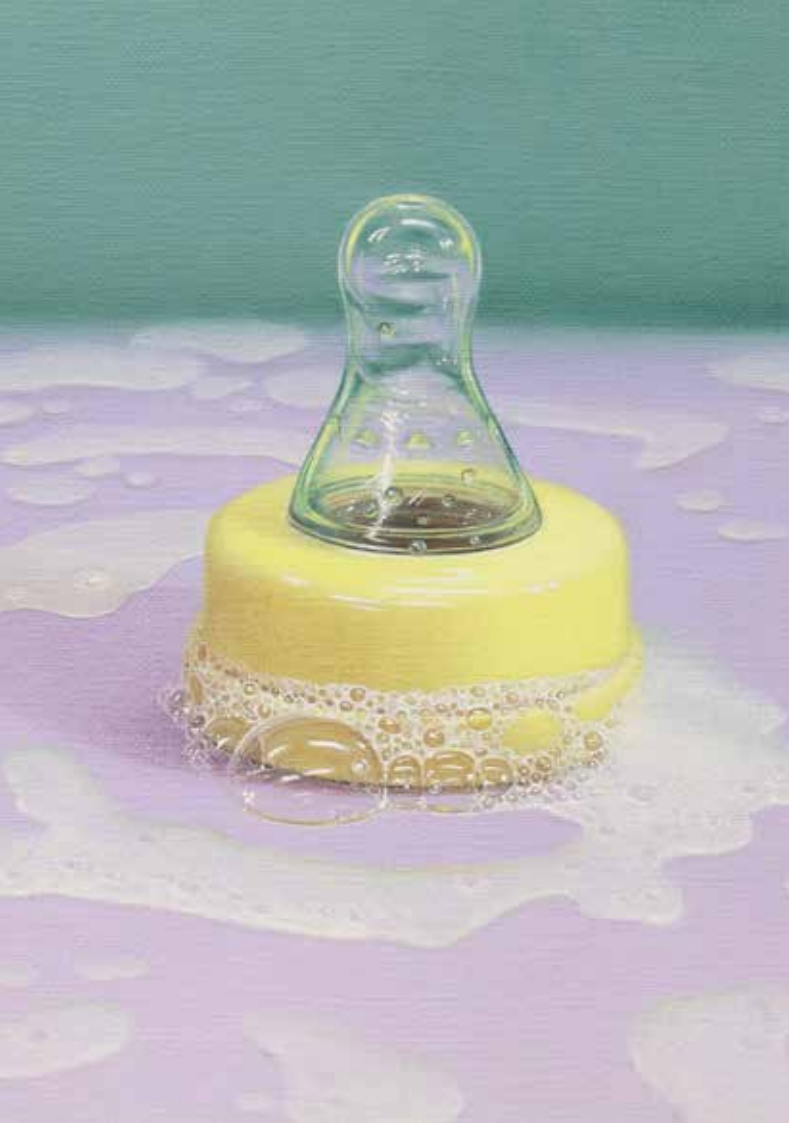
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FROTH

Sorry, I can't come to the phone right now
I'm busy
shampooing my miniature poodle!

I regret to inform you
I cannot attend your son's baptism
Don't you know I always wash my hair on
Tuesdays???

Thanks for the kind invitation
I can't make it to your funeral
I'm up to my thighs in suds
lathering my pet tractor

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