

praying
and more praying.
can i find the strength.

loving monarch butterflies requires a strong spirit
a willingness to acknowledge and overlook
rapacious caterpillars devouring
the delicately soft petals of beautiful flowers
and their life supporting leaves.
one beauty exchanged for another beauty
in formulaic nature
but i feel unbalanced by it all.

my problem is this...

how much and how long can a spiritually inclined vegetarian
honestly think about how
vegetarianism gets you to this point.
feelings of betrayal and shame...
loyalty to the flowers.
loyalty to the butterflies.
or abstracted loyalty to the process.

philosophic despair.
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