

Ann Christine Tabaka

I Am A Strange Beast

I am a strange beast
I love the dark and I love winter.

I seek solitude
and embrace the cold.

I am not cheered
by crowds and jubilation.

Luxuries and riches
I do not hold dear.

A moonlit walk along a wooded stream.
An owl's foreboding call.

These are the things
that bring me pleasure.

Stormy skies and rolling thunder.
Whirling wind with dancing leaves.

A lonely stroll upon a beach,
with roaring waves as my friend.

Sparkling stars singing overhead
while pirate ghosts stir.

Deep within me lies
the wistfulness of a restless soul,
searching for what cannot be found.

Ann Christine Tabaka was nominated for the 2017 Pushcart Prize in Poetry. She is the winner of Spillwords Press 2020 Publication of the Year. Her bio is featured in the "Who's Who of Emerging Writers 2020," published by Sweetycat Press. Chris has been internationally published, and won poetry awards from numerous publications. Her work has been translated into Sequoyah-Cherokee Syllabics, and into Spanish. She is the author of 12 poetry books. She has recently been published in several micro-fiction anthologies and short story publications. Christine lives in Delaware, USA. She loves gardening and cooking. Chris lives with her husband and four cats. Her most recent

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