

Timothy Gager – Two Poems

The Holy Orchestrated

Tracking birds overhead
Eyes like a conductor's

Baton movement
followed Measure

They cluster on
Monument's point

Unflocked in circles
Tucked in group

Not Perfect Does Not Make Practice

There's the time she pulled into garage,
hitting the back wall
she'd entered thousands of times.
This time the wall to face repairs
the car in need,

to take me to the gym,
"Don't talk about *practice*,"
my mother said,
dry lips of plaster,
broken eyed vessels.

I stayed near the Dodge,
sundown till darkness,
until practice was over.
Cracked wall crumble on hood
skewed headlights on.

Timothy Gager is the author of sixteen books of fiction and poetry. His latest, *2020 Poems* is his ninth of poetry, and was an Amazon #1 Bestseller in five categories. Timothy hosted the successful Dire Literary Series in Cambridge, Massachusetts from 2001 to 2018, and as a virtual series starting in 2020. Timothy was the co-founder of The Somerville News Writers Festival. He has had over 600 works of fiction and poetry published, of which seventeen have been nominated for the Pushcart Prize. His work also has been nominated for a Massachusetts Book Award, The Best of the Web, The Best Small Fictions Anthology and has been read on National Public Radio.

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