

The Looking Ground

by David P. Gontar (September 2015)

I drew beside eternity

It held as plain as cake

Thus neighborly and nigh

My heart did quake

Each lady hoists a parasol

Each gentleman his staff

What drolleries do they

Scatter as they pass?

Over the arch they clatter

Bird and branch abound

Ungiving of a backward eye

Upon the looking ground

David P. Gontar's latest book is [Hamlet Made Simple and Other Essays](#), New English Review Press, 2013.

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