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Marked time, fire to fire,
the consumption of fire
by fire, a creation of fear
& no fear, the voiding of fear,
a whole world built on hip
swivel, shoulder strength, hip
dealing, squaring weight to jaw,
extending luminosity to jaw
& big, risky dealings of spirit,
the heart of which is more spirit
& a ferocious will to give human
limits less limits, to take human
away from the unsparing story
of that much flesh in one story,
that finds the anti-music, life.

About Darren Demaree

Darren C. Demaree's poems have appeared, or are scheduled to appear in numerous magazines/journals, including the *South Carolina Review*, *Meridian*, *The Louisville Review*, *Cottonwood*, *The Tribeca Poetry Review*, and *Whiskey Island*. Recently, *Freshwater Poetry Journal* and *Blue Stem* have each nominated him for a Pushcart Prize. His first full collection of poetry, tentatively entitled "As We Refer To Our Bodies" is forthcoming from 8th House Publishing House this fall.