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# ABSOLUTE

*By Sophie O'Brien*

absolutely small are the politics  
of pure science; the quasi-ethical rules that poke  
and prick  
with feigned practicality.  
give me the naked truth.  
give me poetry in all of her nude  
beauty, words of sex  
and passion  
maybe soft love  
running down her paper skin  
like water, or sweat. steamy evaporation.  
crawling condensation.  
give me those words that batter the body,  
leaving angry bruises like hot plums  
that pound with a heart beat.  
the words and their truth intoxicate.  
i am drunk with vernacular. reeling  
with rhyme. poetry will take me to her secret place  
and after i let her undress me, unbuttoned coat,  
ripped cotton dress on the floor,  
my shoes muddy with politics,  
we will wash our wounds,  
licking away the blood drawn  
from the ends  
of our little fingers by the absolutely small swords of science.  
we will laugh at the little napoleon of reason.