

Quoted

By Cassandra Shaw

“You’re never fully dressed without a smile.”
This was said by a person named
Nobody
from a town called
Nowhere.
It means nothing to you.
But it is found between quotation marks,
so now it’s motivational
now it’s thought-provoking
now it’s brilliant.

Quotations are just notations,
somebody deciding another’s words were
important enough
to confine with quotation marks.

Your own words could be quoted at any
moment;

Would that make them important?
When you speak,
imagine the words exiting your oral cavity
and
spattering onto paper in dark ink –
quotation marks envelop every sentence,
each one forever recorded and looked to for
motivation
deep thoughts
brilliance.

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to confine with quotation marks.

So be brilliant.

A Gift Bequeathed

By Maria Markman

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The wind’s gentle whisper
Soliciting a sinister invitation
Families clutching false
beliefs

Captured by consumerism
Our poisonous parasite
We’ve forgotten.

It started with a stable
And calm child

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God with us.

