

Nominando

Matt Macomber

Echoes, Gift of the Past
Light, Illuminator of Secrets
Noise, Toller of Confusion
Rot, Revealer of Corruption
Pain, the Smelting Furnace
Bitterness, the Taste of Defeat
Age, the Curse of Time

Country Midnight

Christina Crusius

Silent was the whir of the tractor.
Silent was Mother's voice,
calling for dinner.
Silent were the cattle,
mooing as if suspended from a cliff.

The old barn lay still,
blanketed by the blackberry darkness.
Needles of light
and a shadow of the moon
shone through the clouds
forming a halo in the haystack.

Pretending

Kira Bonk

digging in my purse for something
(that doesn't exist)
wearing headphones
(that aren't plugged in)
texting on my cell phone
(that isn't turned on)
avoiding conversations
(that aren't interesting)