

the rasp**berry** cowb**O**y partakes

of the b**A**ba ganoush

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by j d nelson

**WHY I LIKE IT:** *Poetry Editor HEZEKIAH writes... J. D. Nelson “experiments with words in his subterranean laboratory.” ...Subterranean! How many floors down? The man’s mind is like a journey to the center of the earth—nowhere near the crust, let me throw you some crumbs: “the slotted spoon is the natural idea / the hammer is the claiborne of the shrimp” ...apparently the name ‘Claiborne’ means stream by a clay bed. “that spider is the clone of the machine / where is the grape seed extract for the foot trick?” Does everyone other than me know what the “foot trick” is? Here: While sitting, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles. Then, while doing this, draw the number ‘6’ in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction. Try it. This man is dangerous...likely to himself as well as other. If free associations, with threads of connections, are right up your long and winding crooked mile street, ride along with J.D and let your mind map as you stream through states of consciousness. “in the lake of the crying apple / there is a blue oaf” Scretch quoting the Grinch: ‘he puzzled and puzzled ‘till his puzzler was sore... What if [Nelson], perhaps, means a little bit more...” (To maintain poet’s spacing each poem is on its own page. Please scroll down.)HS*

**enough like it to soar & roar**

this is the chant of the middle order

earth wheat – what?

cleaning the nacho parka  
the mushroom hummed

you were walking  
& that sun talked to you

the lucky impostor  
with new supermarket eyes

the night stars are lined up  
there is a baby *burd* in the nest

## **the palanquin and the peanut champ**

the serious chime is the book of the heart  
it could be the surprised anchor

the slotted spoon is the natural idea  
the hammer is the claiborne of the shrimp

that spider is the clone of the machine  
where is the grape seed extract for the foot trick?

your mumble is the halo of the iron  
the ham of the jungle

question lark, the corner of the cuddle  
the blank glum shoebox

standing with the rose of the dream  
the promising worm

## the raspberry cowboy partakes of the baba ganoush

in the pine barrens, usa

a wink and a lobster  
the saint of the pollen

the monsters lob a shape  
the pale dolphin is the goat of the half

the sock is the boasting hum  
the bull is the head

the layer of soap measures the crabs  
there is a book of the camembert

in the lake of the crying apple  
there is a blue oaf

**THE POET SPEAKS:** *My work is influenced by the Beat writers, especially the cut-up techniques pioneered by William S. Burroughs and Jack Kerouac's spontaneous prose techniques. Most of my work is created through the cutting up and collaging of my own daily freewriting. My work is also influenced by the L=A=N=G=U=A=G=E poets, Dada, and Surrealism. Poetry is important to me because it allows me to express myself in ways that I haven't found to be possible in visual arts and music.*

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