

**CADIZ**

**people, places and situations**

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A selection of poems from the collection

*Lines of a Lifetime*

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**BRUNO SCARFE**

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## Amor de prostíbulo

*Al Duende*

Sin dueña  
ni chicas, ya se  
queda.

En sedas,  
copas, disfraces,  
sueña.

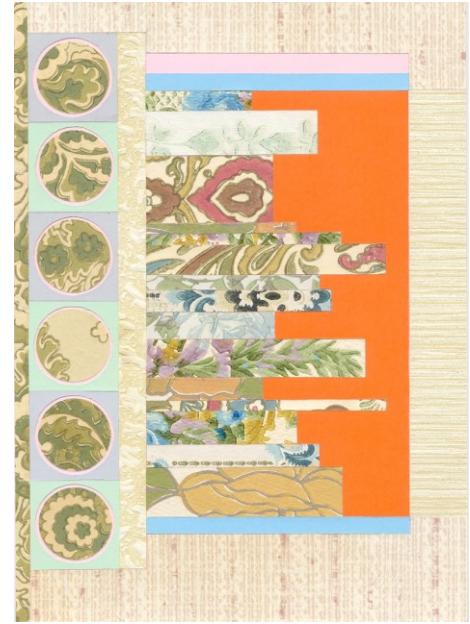
Por la casa  
se mueve  
feliz y cálido  
el duende.  
Cuida, y calla.



## Ausencias 1

– Ha sido burdel – me dicen, y contesto  
– en su tiempo. – ¡Famosas hembras! – agregan;  
– lo eran – digo – pues tuvieron su momento.

Y quitándome la razón, azotea  
abajo nos llega, cálida y espesa,  
la fragancia excitante que nos ofrece  
tu muy poco discreta dama de noche.



## Ausencias 2

*A Teresa*

Se echó de menos al bajar la temperatura,  
y desde palacio se difundió de inmediato  
la noticia de que se había dado a la fuga  
una chispa locuaz de la fragua de Vulcano,  
saltando de un golpe la franja entre dios y el hombre  
  
hasta detenerse en tu mirada.



Por el pozo risueño de tus pupilas  
de súbito se extiende una capa fina  
de azabache reluciente, donde gira  
y centellea esa chispa bailarina,  
incandescente.

Y así mandas, desde el más allá,  
una mirada interminable y benigna  
  
rebosante de íntimas verdades.



Siendo dioses, no se afligieron nada al pensar  
en esa pérdida y los vaivenes del azar.  
Tranquilos, pues, juzgaron que ‘ausente’ no es ‘perdido’,  
y que iban a aprovecharse de lo sucedido  
al promover el futuro diálogo visual.  
Con lo cual, bailando, dieron el luto al olvido.



## Ausencias 3

*A Teresa*

Los Tres Pretendientes –

*La Obsidiana, el Azabache y el Ébano:*

Nosotros somos  
el barro  
barro negro del Mar Muerto,  
la medianoche  
noche sin luna,  
un pozo de mina  
insondable,  
los negros más  
negros de Nubia,  
la tinta  
tinta negra en papel blanco,  
es lo que somos.

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*La Obsidiana, el Azabache y el Ébano:*

Pero ¡venga, vamos!  
Basta ya de tanta propaganda  
rimbombante  
y altisonante.

Faltan detalles  
más probables  
para distinguir entre nosotros.  
Nos toca ir al grano.

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*La Obsidiana:*

Soy del volcán  
y soy de piedra,  
puñal de altar  
y de la guerra;

*el Azabache:*

Soy de carbón  
de bajo tierra,  
vuelto en alhajas  
para ganar  
un corazón;

*el Ébano:*

Soy de la selva  
y de madera,  
soy clarinete  
que eleva el alma.  
A mí se me ve vivo,  
delicado,  
bien pulido,  
con aplomo;

*el Azabache:*

a mí resucitado,  
reluciente,  
resistente,  
y ostentoso;

*la Obsidiana:*

y se ve a mí - presa,  
la tez vítreo,  
con caprichos  
peligrosos.

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*La Obsidiana, el Azabache y el Ébano:*

Nosotros somos  
de pura sangre,  
de sangre azul,  
los tres iguales;

de otros entornos  
con otros rasgos  
y desiguales;

Así, pues, somos.

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*La Obsidiana, el Azabache y el Ébano:*

Escoge, señorita de  
la mirada inolvidable.  
¡Que disfrutes! Y sentimos,  
ya tener que despedirnos.

(¿Cuántas tendrán las pupilas  
hechas tan a su medida!)

## Bound and unbound

Bound for Cadiz in the heat of summer,  
on briny decks, from the Antipodes:  
once resplendent, serene and proud – they were  
kings no longer, but brooded like birds trussed,  
squashed, and fretting to stretch and spread their wings.

Few, if any, perished on the voyage.  
All three thousand strutted their stuff once freed  
chaotically, in packs and singly, drunk  
throughout the house, smacking the walls and floors.

Foxed and dog-eared, sleeves stained and jackets torn,  
in every size, colour and condition –  
conjured memories of lost times and lands.  
They jostled my mind, charged my attention:  
incredible tales! inspired telling!  
of orthodox and others – countless clans.  
None missing? Dismissed! and I washed my hands.



## Contigo

*A Glenwys*

Vente conmigo querida  
te lo suplico,  
al chiringuito de Réynold  
el ‘Malibú’,  
a ver la puesta del sol.

Me da igual ~

que no sirvan horchata,  
chicharones al uso,  
ni pechuga de pavo  
ni jamón de Jabugo,  
cuchifritos ni chícharos,  
chirimoyas cremosas  
(pa’ chuparse los dedos),  
leche frita, torrijas,  
ni cuajada con miel,  
y no se halle el anís  
Chinchón dulce (*¡sin hielo!*)  
auténtico de ‘la Alcoholera’.

~ al estar tú conmigo en el Malibú.

Nos pondrán un gin tónico  
(un Rives) en balón;  
más papas aliñadas,  
pez espada y caballa,  
acedías y sardinas  
y más de *un* boquerón,  
albóndigas, pimientos  
asados, croquetas y  
filetes a la plancha;  
nos pondrán carajillos  
de brándy, o café  
y anís la Castellana (en balón).

~ ¡Sin igual,  
al estar tú conmigo en el Malibú! ~

Entretanto chirigotas,  
el chapoteo  
de las olas, la inquietud  
de este levante,  
y el paseo de la luna.

## Cosquilla I

En alta mar, Ulises mandó ser atado  
para no ser seducido ni destrozado.  
¡Pues vaya pena,  
– en Quilla estoy, en la mismísima Caleta,  
y con ganas de conocer a estas sirenas,  
y no las hallo!

## Cosquilla II

*A Maribel*

Poderosa dama es doña Quilla,  
protegida por San Sebastián  
y Santa Catalina.  
La corteja gente esclarecida,  
a la que le da la bienvenida y  
le place festejar.



## Cosquilla III

Innumerables son las quillas que surcan el mar  
buscando qué comer  
hasta acabar en la playa abandonadas y mal,  
mientras que una hace alarde de su perfil de mujer  
y se deja querer  
¡la muy desenvelta! en la proa de su náutico bar.

## Cumplir

Por el casco antiguo circulaban  
en sus motos  
chicas con el pelo que ondulaba  
desenfadado y suelto al azar,  
y hombres con el cabello alisado,  
erizado, o a la moda, calvo.  
Corriendo, de prisa todos.

Mientras que iban los demás  
a pie, despacio; unos pensaban  
en sus compras y recados, otros  
en sus faenas, otros en dar  
una vuelta, despreocupados.  
Caminando,  
por el casco antiguo circulaban.

¡Vaya! ¡Qué ejemplar afán de todos  
– de motociclistas y peatones –  
de cumplir bien con los requisitos  
de la señal *Utilice el casco!*

## Curtains

As the wind blows,  
the curtains dance –  
two muslin girls  
all legs and arms.  
They dance to the tune  
of the wind that blows.

As the wind blows,  
the pace advances  
from waltz to tango  
to Charleston and  
jig – from staid, to  
gay, to magic.

As the wind blows  
and dresses chance  
to flow or cling,  
they dare the sun  
shine through the fabric  
showing everything.

As the wind blows,  
their movements entrance:  
dresses balloon, rise  
and fall, billow  
again, and swirl  
and sink, pell-mell.

As the wind blows,  
the dresses glance  
sideways, reveal-  
ing all! (reveal-  
ing domes arched against  
the wall of the sky.)

As the wind blows  
more calmly, they sit  
on the sill, suggest-  
ing two bottoms  
voluptuously  
shaping the folds.



As the wind blows  
the curtains dance –  
sensuous, full,  
athletic, trim,  
boisterous, merry,  
or lazy and still.

I, didn't dance –  
I could have touched,  
I might have clasped,  
I would have kissed,  
I should have loved –  
I would have lost  
my footing on  
the window-sill.  
I'm too old now  
to need such things,  
but not ready,  
yet, for 'curtains'.

# ¡Denuncia!

*A Lourdes*

‘Oh look!’  
thought Lourdes, and yelled  
ambiguously cool:  
“¡Bruno  
me está tocando el  
culo!”

(en la inauguración de ‘Al Solazo’)



## In a flat spin

*A Apolonia*

One was a stage set,  
orchestrated,  
cool,  
dressed fit to kill,  
overwhelmingly  
'class'.

The other was soul,  
quite intimate,  
warm,  
its see-through disguise  
widow's weeds,  
'home'.

## Inesperada

*A Mari Lo*

Por las nubes color de plomo  
que me seguían,  
asomó un sol de oro precioso:  
¿de quién sería?

## Juxtapositions (watercolour)

In line across,  
a golden battlemented wall.  
In front – such utter anarchy –  
the branches of  
a flowering jacaranda tree.  
A roadway heads  
through the tunnel in the wall and  
out beyond it.

Dominating all, a column  
white-stone and, oh! so elegant  
lifts the Queen of Heaven  
to the sky.

## Un lugar para armas tomar

*A Olimpio*

Para comer en el café bar  
la Rambla,  
no ponen sólo cuchillos, mas  
navajas.

## Maria José of the Real Estate Agency

With shake and tap and  
flickering jingle  
of a tambourine,  
click-click-crack of  
castanets,  
a high-pitching  
piccolo,  
soul of a flute –

that's my girl! bursting  
into the quietness  
of the closing day.

Dust-devils spin  
out of the Inland,  
spray flashes, fizzes  
flung from the breakers,  
gusts of air bring  
word of the East Wind,  
sparks sizzle over  
incandescent coals.

Into the quietness  
of the closing day  
– that's my girl, bursting

with shake and tap and  
flickering jingle  
of a tambourine,  
click-click-crack of  
castanets,  
a high-pitching  
piccolo,  
soul of a flute.



## Messages (oils on canvas)

From left to right, straddling the scene  
the City's bastions  
quarried from the sea,  
great blocks of reef-stone  
grey, and brown, and gold.  
Unblinking, massive  
they dare the English raze the town once more.  
Impassively.

In front,  
the tangled fretwork of a tree  
describes a purple crescent on the sky –  
the jacaranda, in its ecstasy,  
alive.

Forwards  
to an archway in the wall  
through silent darkness  
runs a road,  
and rests again in sunlight just beyond.  
It calls us on.

In the forefront on a base all chipped and worn,  
with fragments still of coats of arms and scrolls –  
a shaft of light  
of stone and marble,  
white,  
a column – rises high and silhouettes  
the Queen of Heaven on the sky.

## Miércoles

*A Carmen y Ramón*

Era de noche  
y en pleno invierno  
que me fui al bar  
a disfrutar  
un plato del tiempo,  
el muy casero  
'Potaje de coles'.

Ajetes hubo  
y judías, mucho  
garbanzo y unos  
cachos de carne;  
y no obstante  
a pesar de una  
orden de búsqueda  
y de captura,  
no acudieron  
las coles, ni las  
de bruselas, ni  
las de las flores.

'Potaje de coles'  
se denomina,  
receta más básica  
con o sin *brássica*  
(ni caracoles),  
que siempre invita  
a repetir.

(Casa Lazo)

## Observations (cursory, of course)

The Mother speaks in cursive,  
her monologues  
though thick and gruff  
rise quickly up  
from the courtyard three stories down below.  
'Rise'? no; 'flow', better suits a style  
where fifty words  
are one interminable sound,  
each a casualty in a stream of drowned.

The Daughter has a younger style.  
She waits,  
and then lets fly a choice of words  
all fast  
and sharp  
and clear  
which ricochet and echo round the yard,  
each sentence ending in a curse.

## Perro destino

En las esquinas de las calles  
de Cádiz capital,  
abundan monumentos  
de la gloria nacional:  
defensores de antaño  
que alejaban a invasores  
de ultramar.

¡Que perduren en sus puestos  
los cañones!  
¡que recuerden, que proclamen  
los cañones  
tanta gloria nacional!

Inocente, preguntaba  
si servían  
los cañones  
de apoyo a las casas  
demacradas del lugar.

Inocente, preguntaba  
si servían  
los cañones  
para inspirar respeto  
a los coches circulando  
sin parar.

Y con risa me decían:  
– Con los ojos y narices  
se aprende su destino actual:  
para los perros les sirven  
de molde para mear,  
mear, mear.

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de Cádiz capital,  
abundan monumentos  
de la gloria nacional:  
defensores de antaño  
que alejaban a invasores  
de ultramar.

## Plegaria

*A María*

¡Que Al Liquindói,  
de incierta fama,  
guardaespalda  
gaditano  
y cicerone  
de Al Capone,  
mire por mí, hoy!

## Recital at Santa Catalina, Cadiz

Sitar plucked,  
the notes at first  
exploratory  
float, tremulous  
and languid,  
across the hushed and open Castle square.

Confident,  
they gather pace,  
work up to a  
frenzy, wait there,  
and subside.  
War, then peace, in the ancient Castle square.

Flexible,  
they tease, and tunes  
unfolding are  
detected and  
promptly dropped.  
Just games, over the watchful Castle square.

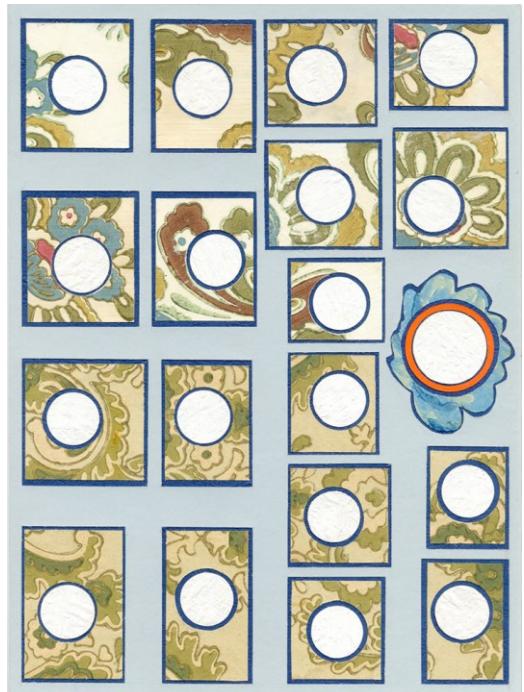
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The raga grows  
– grips the ear –  
sounds quiver,  
pulse, pile up,  
jostle, spill  
and overflow,

in tandem with  
the rhythms  
– of challenge,  
dialogue  
or echo –  
of tablas tapped.

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Below the Castle, black Atlantic waves  
break and flow  
as the dancers'  
dresses rise and  
fill, then sparkle,  
swirl and fall.



Through the Castle, the gusting summer wind.

– Opposites,  
complementary –  
each figure, face  
tells its tale,  
charms the heart.

Behind the Castle, white – the silent Moon.

The dancers  
pause, their arms speak  
towards the sky  
of loneliness,  
desire, love.

The wraps fall still, the ankle bells are quiet.

## Las sinpapeles

Por la malla de las papeleras  
de la calle el Levante sopla  
indecente. Gran asustabolsas,  
a las inquilinas desaloja  
¡tan inocentes! ¡sin estrenar!

Cogidas aún por el cuello, gimen  
indefensas en el aire y exigen  
con gestos teatrales que las libren.

¡Buen transeunte! Échales un cable,  
sea chal, collar, reloj o corbata  
(un pésa-me a tu manera) para  
que aterricen en casa y no vayan  
a quedarse vírgenes en balde.

## Sirenada

*A Carina*

¡Tú eres la sal,  
tú eres la miel!

- olor a sándalo  
y clavel,
- son de pífano  
y tambor,
- escalofrío  
en la piel.

¡Tú eres la sal,  
tú eres la miel!

## Speaking of domes

The work of years,  
raised centuries ago  
to honour God,  
these domes of stone  
impress their perfect curves of white or gold  
against the sky.

They let in light  
and, down below, create a zone of calm  
and quiet.

They're landmarks, yes,  
but engineered  
to crown God's house of prayer.  
They stand there now.

(2001)

## Still (life)

Eyelashes may stretch and quiver,  
designed to win:

ponytails blowing in the breeze  
may stream at will:

shooting stars may thread the heavens  
with filaments  
of light:

but none of these moves me so much  
as – in a vase  
collected, calm –  
ears of wheat, elegant and tall.



## Summer busyness

Swallows swoop from  
Rosalía,  
up San Dimas  
and then back.

Their shadows run  
across the walls  
in wild pursuit,  
gain, catch up  
and overtake.

Their calls, their cries,  
their squeals precede,  
accompany  
and follow.

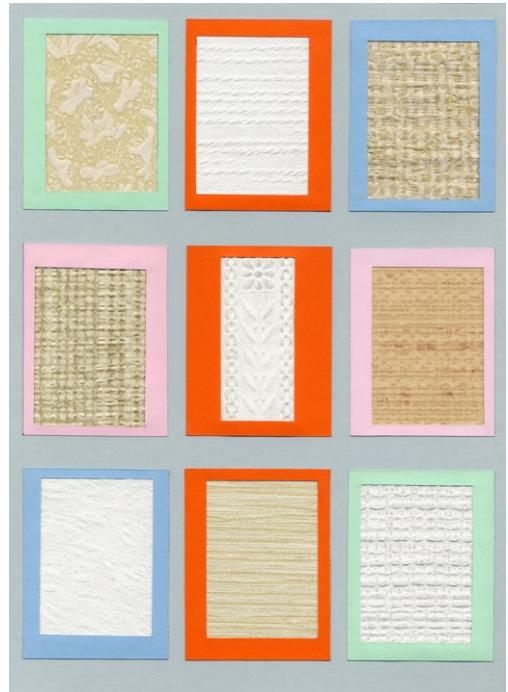
## Surrounds

1

Between walls of cork  
and doors of glass

– people sit,  
and talk,  
indulge,  
grow weary,  
– while wines,  
in silence,  
lie still,  
maturing

between doors of cork  
and walls of glass.



## Surrounds

2

The ‘Cork and Glass’ pub, British? No, the  
‘San Antonio’ restaurant, Cadiz,  
ambience for gentlemen and ladies.

Bacchanalia, orgies? No, the likes  
of you and me once more relaxing,  
for which the bill proposes (later)  
sundry diets, and medication.

Wine, not genii, in the bottles;  
but cells are similar: imagine  
then, the monks inside, their spirits poised  
to find fulfilment, elsewhere (later).

That, however, is another tale,  
on soul and body – not what surrounds –  
called “Looking ahead, now’s not for real”.

## Ya no sirven

*A Milagros*

Estalló el vaso. Por el suelo  
rodaron cristales, con el duelo  
de los clientes, y de la gente  
responsable del medio ambiente.

– ¡Vaya susto! dijo pues, atónita,  
Milagre. – ¡El vaso ya sin vida!  
dije, – ¡y su futuro se acaba!

– ¡Ay por Dió! pensaron, ¡qué bobadas!  
¡Basta! Rotos, ya estamos libres.  
¡Vengan juerga, cachondeo, cines!  
Vasos jubilados de este mundo,  
lo vamos a pasar cojonudos.



## Notes

### THE POEMS

#### *Amor de prostíbulo*

2004

Set in our house (called a *finca* in this part of the world) in calle San Dimas. It used to be a brothel, and more recently was a boarding house for students of the nearby Medical Faculty. It was the curious welcoming atmosphere which pervaded the run down building that prompted my purchase. The house has two addresses, the original one for its entrance on calle San Telmo.

#### *Ausencias 1*

2007

The reference is to a flowering bush planted on the *azotea* (roof garden) at San Dimas 10 by Win, absent in England at the time of writing.

#### *Ausencias 2*

2007

On a gaze from very close friend Teresa who ran the Q & Q bookshop then situated in calle San Francisco, as we shared a drink at the nearby Senátor.

#### *Ausencias 3*

2007

(As per previous)

#### **Bound and unbound**

2001

In ‘Bound and unbound’, three words in  
hiding  
introduce the theme; well, can you  
find them?

#### *Contigo*

2012

While the fare at Reynold’s *chiringuito* was alright and the venue fine, on Glen’s arrival everything changed and seemed suddenly quite wonderful.

#### *Cosquilla 1*

2010

Maribel Téllez and her husband invited me to contribute something to the visitor’s book at ‘Quilla’, their restaurant on La Caleta; the *sirena* image is no throw-away one for me.

#### *Cosquilla 2*

2010

(As per previous) References include one to the famous Golden Age poem, and others to the fortresses on either side.

#### *Cosquilla 3*

2010

(As per previous) ‘*Quilla*’, the name of the premises, stands for Cadiz-speak ‘girl’, and also for the keel of a boat.

#### *Cumplir*

2007

Reference was to the recent introduction of a policy on the compulsory use of helmets for motorcyclists. It took a while to catch on.

#### **Curtains**

2001

Set in my third-floor flat in calle Beato Diego.

‘Curtains’ is home cabaret.  
Inner Voices Limited  
(open seven days a week,  
with wind and sun permitting)  
can offer you a sound-track  
which will make you wet your pants.

#### *;Denuncia!*

2011

Lourdes based the décor of her premises on my *papegado* portrait of her, and gave a reproduction pride of place. I had known her for years as waitress at

the nearby Gotinga, and had never behaved improperly. Too much <i>cava</i> ?	
<b>In a flat spin</b>	2002
Home hunting in Cadiz with agents Santiago and María José. He showed me a flat in the plaza de España, she the house in calle San Dimas.	
<b>Inesperada</b>	2009
A look from Mari Lo helped in a period of loneliness and depression.	
<b>Juxtapositions (watercolour) / see 'Messages'</b>	2001
'Juxtapositions' minimalist records no more than shape and light impacting cleanly on my mind.	
<b>Un lugar para armas tomar</b>	2009
Set in what was Olimpio's Galician café bar with its vast array of <i>tapas</i> which includes many seafood dishes (the latter referred to here in a play on words). On another tack, his <i>pollo al ajillo</i> was the best in Spain. He retired in 2014.	
<b>María José of the real estate agency</b>	2002
María José was responsible for facilitating the purchase of the <i>finca</i> in calle San Dimas. The 'East Wind' is the Cadiz <i>Levante</i> .	
<b>Messages (oils on canvas) / see 'Juxtapositions'</b>	2001
But 'Messages', for oils, is something else. Should I have overlooked the man-hole cover in the road? And the bush beside the column? And vehicles beyond the tunnel in the wall? And – oh dear – who is it really watching from the column in the sky?	
<b>Miércoles</b>	2009
Carmen and Ramón produced some memorable dishes here, especially in the line of <i>guisos</i> and <i>potajes</i> . I was to regret their departure.	
<b>Observations (cursory, of course)</b>	2001
Set in the flat in Beato Diego. 'Observations', – cursory of course – is close, but oh to know the reason for the high-pitched monologue and cursed response!	
<b>Perro destino</b>	2002
This subject matter deserves a place in a local (satirical) <i>chirigota</i> .	
<b>Plegaria</b>	2010
'Al Liquindói', as María's premises are called, is Cadiz-speak for keeping a look out. I have personified it. María, sadly, left shortly afterwards.	
<b>Recital at Santa Catalina, Cadiz</b>	2004
This was one of many August outdoor functions, forming part of 'Las Voces de Dios' cycle. It was given by the Tapangroup from India, and was called 'Sangit-Kathak'. Win urged me to write up our night. The fortress, part of	

the sea defences, passed recently to civilian use. It has been well restored.

### ***Las sinpapeles***

2010

The background reference is to immigrants from N.Africa who disembark from *pateras* along Spain's Mediterranean beaches – even in Cadiz. They are known as '*sinpapeles*' as they have no documentation. The town hall *papeleras*, though good looking, are a disaster in windy conditions and soon minus their contents. I shared my views with the *Diario de Cádiz* to no avail.

### ***Sirenada***

2002

On Carina, charismatic Celtic owner at that time of the 'Mónaco', who took an early interest in my *papegados*. She was one of many who tried to help me in my house hunting, during which she showed me *La bella escondida*, a hidden tower in calle José del Toro – at a stage unfortunately when that building was due for major renovation work. I was not prepared to wait.

### ***Speaking of domes***

2001

The setting is humble Cadiz.

In 'Speaking of domes', I forgot  
to add: not all are round, for some  
are multi-faceted, and some  
are steep, shallow, wide, or narrow.  
(London, I chose not to mention).

### ***Still (life)***

2003

I don't know who set up the restaurant bar display, Juan the owner or the waitress who then went on to work at a childrens' bookshop in plaza Mina.

Dropped: the lashes of myth and masque,  
a horse's mane, a comet's tail,  
the silent arrogance of grass.

After-thoughts: colour of the wheat?  
bleached gold; location? number 10,  
the reefstone counter of the bar.

### ***Summer busyness***

2007

View from my library.

### ***Surrounds I & II***

2003

My companion was Win. Part two began as a footnote, but took off.

### ***Ya no sirven***

2001

I used to breakfast at the Cafetería Aduana, calle Corneta Soto Guerrero, and came to know the hard working staff of the time ... Virginia, José, Veronica and others, well. *Milagre*' is Cadiz-speak for one of them, Milagros.

En 'Ya no sirven', hay más puntos de vista  
posibles, en cuanto al destino  
de los cristales 'fallecidos':  
se convierten en espejos y bombillas,  
o, ya en átomos reducidos,  
surcan olas del infinito.

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**THE ILLUSTRATIONS** – see ‘ART WORK’ for general information

**POEMS**

*Amor de prostíbulo*

*Ausencias 1*

*Ausencias 2*

**Bound and unbound**

*Cosquilla 2*

**Curtains**

*¡Denuncia!*

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**Papegados**

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*‘El burdel de la calle San Telmo 6, a pleno rendimiento’ / 2:12*

*Retrato ‘Teresa’ / 2:08*

*Sobrecubierta 3 ‘Lomo de seda’ / 2:24*

*Fantasia ‘Oriana, protagonista’ / 1:10*

*Salvamanteles 4 ‘Vislumbres II’ / 1:20*

*Retrato ‘Lourdes’ / 2:04*

*Salvamanteles 10 ‘Flor y su círculo’ / 1:26*

*‘Sai Baba Avatar, y los devotos I’ / 2:19*

*Fantasia ‘Altisidora, protagonista’ / 1:05*

*‘Risueñas y casi discretas’ / 0:03*

*(clave / key, originally 2:29)*

**Cristaletas**

*Cristaleta 1’*