

FEVER TRIPTYCH AND OTHER POEMS

By Frank Jousen

THE LANDED BIRD

You returned like a bird
which took a little detour
out of the blue
to sit at the foot
of my feverish bed, chirping
-there you are, I thought as much,
but I know you know
the question remains:
Where does the fever take you now?

THE PURRING CAT

Deep in the jungle night
you come, you go
purring soundlessly
moving around my overheated flesh
effortlessly, on silken paws –
a cat in a fever dream
softly reclaiming the terrain
the bird has left.

LEAPING TIGRESS

Innocent tigress,
a lifeless bird in her mouth,
leaps through the open door
onto my sweat-soaked bed.
I'll let you devour me
for the prey has no complaint
against the invited predator.

Bio

Frank Jousen has published two selections of poetry, one of them being a bilingual collaboration with Romanian poet Ana Cicio, and has edited two international anthologies of poetry/fiction in India. His poems and short stories have also been published in a variety of (print and online) literary magazines and anthologies in G.B., Ireland, Germany, Romania, Malta, the U.S.A., Canada, India, Thailand, China and have been translated into German, Romanian, Hindi and Chinese. He is currently working as a co-editor on an international anthology of family stories. Frank is an English teacher in Germany, member of a peace group and a one-world group.