

Amit Majumdar

I want to be more
Than just a letter
In a word. I want
To mean
Something. I want
To be a word
All by my lonesome,
Self-sufficient
As a rune.
Naudiz, need.
Elhaz, yew.
Ansuz, god.

Self-Portrait as Rune

Martine van Bijlert

a peanut weaver
grows up to
be a dreamer
on a little boat
slender and unhurried
water drips off the oar

self-portrait as an ancient
woodblock print

Josh Massey

I am writing
a poem
about lemons
it's okay
if you don't
want to read it
sometimes
things hurt
more than they should

Self-portrait as a Dutch
still life painting

Erica Fransisca

that falls not far
from the tree;
the old and rotting
apple tree
in the poison-
orchard
of the
evil queen.

Self-Portrait as Apple

Self-Portrait as Punctuation

I am a colon: sometimes
shuffling an explanation
your way; sometimes
a drum major heading
a list. Now often cast
aside: a dash subbing
for me; the upstart
comma inserted after
business greetings as if
the letter were friendly.
I'm open for new ideas:
to save dignity; to burn
energy; to find my way
into hearts, minds,
sentences, even poems.

Margaret Rozga

self-portrait as definition

saturnine
sat·ur·nine \ˈsa-tər-nīn\
adjective

●(of the poet)
woman as space race
or manhattan project, titan-mooned
gloomlurker, capricornian lunacy,
outer satellite as product of a belt

●(of the poem)
a bluet, a ring
bearer of disappointment,
a daughter
six times removed
from the sun, a jeremiad
deadlocked in sidereal space

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