A day on Venus is longer than a year on Venus

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Pursed your lips

& blew

I flew

off

slack-jawed

saw you grow

small

cruel

& I

back to air

wings full

I see you

still,

there,

smiling, mother

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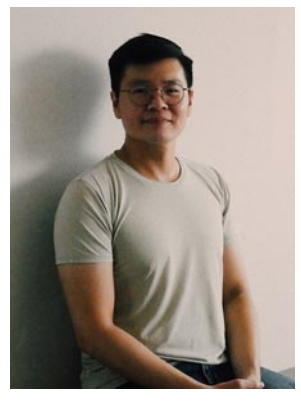

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