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VINCENT ZOMPA'S poems have appeared in *Margie* and *Best New Poets 2006*. He is a founding member of *The Fallopian Disco Force* and lives in Brooklyn.

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from TO A SEAHORSE

It is not difficult to destroy your edition  
of the wilderness when unveiling your version of things.  
My tiny friend the horse says the last two years  
were pretend. If cracked down the center  
  
the horse would assert itself, an old man  
peeling back his fedora. He would clack his boatyard teeth  
and say each leg of the swim is chauffer,  
  
even the beginning, the oceanic fellatio. His brothers  
  
in bubbles would rise from his shoulders. He would say  
swim brings perspective. A series of weeds, shadows,  
  
an angled green light from above.  
He's stayed alive for his favorite songs.

All his words would pop pop pop.

Carnival stars blowing through the code.

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