



# Sailcloth Child

Poetry by  
Christopher William Purdom  
Volume VII



# Sailcloth Child

**226 Press**  
Philadelphia



# Sailcloth Child

Poetry by Christopher William Purdom  
Volume VII

Copyright 2011 Christopher William Purdom.

All rights reserved. No part of this book may be used or reproduced in any manner whatsoever without written permission, except in the case of brief quotations embodied in critical articles or reviews.

This is the free, web-based PDF from [226press.com](http://226press.com)

## 17. Hangetsu 1

*Futbol 2*

*Seiza 3*

*Weather 4*

*Anonymous contribution 5*

*Scots-Irish Rites 6*

*Donut Holes 7*

*Domestic Terror Theory 8*

*G60106b 9*

## 18. Watershed 11

*Philadelphia Relativity 12*

*Spiritus Sanctus 13*

*Idle 14*

*Monday Runoff Carry Forward 15*

*Mimesis Happy Hours 16*

*Nostalgia with alcohol 17*

*Tuesday 18*

*Shiny Civil War Shoes A carpet 19*

## 19. Biblical Reference 21

*Fair Mount* 22

*Lining out the psalms* 23

*Texmati Gospel* 24

*Though I Walk* 25

*Wheat/Chaff* 26

*An angel standing in the sun* 27

*Eve and the Serpent* 28

*Your Old Men* 29

## 17. Hangetsu

Sailcloth Child

*Futbol*

rice pudding suggests  
saffron hints widely  
at rosewater speaks  
in spoons you claim trade  
technicalities  
(Le Tout Pour Le Toux  
was in French, English  
subtitled) for brown  
round implying stares  
rosewater saffron

*Seiza*

Psychosis grows from the stem  
claws full faith at blue and green  
paper preventing breath mints  
artificially white through  
logic to language giggles  
Ethnoarcheology.  
Calendar, game-theoried, gone.

## Sailcloth Child

### *Weather*

The fake hunting lodge motel  
in Happy Valley must have  
been early September wind  
insinuating sky chilled  
like today and the rugby  
sideline air traffic grounded  
two fighter jets on patrol.

*Anonymous contribution*

My good ol' days run rampant  
run, ram, pant, slam, roll, trample,  
crush greener lusher transference  
blades to squishy hillside mud  
slide not like just like Trenton  
makes the world takes you hungry  
translated to miso soup.

Sailcloth Child

*Scots-Irish Rites*

monosyllabic answers  
to Highland and Donegal  
to truth gathered in broken  
bread / on God's neural pathway  
synapse exposures every  
Church acts out / our own stated  
fictional complexities

*Donut Holes*

eucharist alter beckoned,  
dismissed ("they'll all be eaten")  
fonderheart incarnations  
"like [kumite] communion  
inside another person's  
skin" substitutionary  
atonement epiclesis

*Domestic Terror Theory*

Hitting is learned reaction.

Anger is not behavior.

But a thrown coffee mug breaks  
to bleeding shards, contrasts the  
crimson manual print on tan,  
the furtive asked for branding.

Hitting begets endorphins.

*G60106b*

[self-censored] which is  
on Walnut near The  
Witherspoon Building  
where Mother Bear wrote  
The Old Lessons in  
Modern Beatnik so  
Presbyterian  
Taught Children could Wage  
Reformed Attrition  
for decades To Come



## 18. Watershed

Sailcloth Child

*Philadelphia Relativity*

The Schuylkill high on  
melted Christmas four  
days after banks wide  
right at Race starting  
its final descent  
past Center City  
temporary North  
South axis aligned  
with the Delaware  
and William Penn's plan.

*Spiritus Sanctus*

Life Giver Born if  
I were to lie in  
The Wissahickon  
on your soft crunchy  
gold-leaf bed in the  
schist-worn valley as  
far from Forbidden  
Drive as the risen  
stones step me would I  
receive your blessing?

Sailcloth Child

*Idle*

Cobbs Creek outside the waiting  
el near 69<sup>th</sup> looks post  
apocalyptic groveled  
trees grip aimless h2o  
behind anachronistic  
fence protecting us from its  
overgrown best forgottens.

*Monday Runoff Carry Forward*

detail of mouth obscuring  
with whom [risk word] repent or  
convert more testosterone  
"not at the same time" on him  
second appendage peace slice  
shaken revelation drank  
too much my body hates me

*Mimesis Happy Hours*

Liquid in the solar glare  
formerly crystal drops fill  
screen grid space solidified  
as we spin forth to shadow.  
How many meanings counted  
by accumulated snow  
fall further to undefined?

*Nostalgia with alcohol*

Pre-saki Winter dressage  
repeated at boxer's glove  
smashed recoiling head mixed mixed  
drink consumption scant icon  
check in and out swirling dawn  
always wanted to travel  
coffee run shows you strongest.

## Sailcloth Child

*Tuesday*

Everything suddenly slows  
to monochrome missed by a  
prayer rain not taken manning  
the roofless platform end no  
motive self defends moisture's  
accusations voiced, spear-hand,  
chicken-head, tiger-paw, fist.

*Shiny Civil War Shoes A carpet*

Downhill more perfect blue Potomac denim lazy  
sways Baileys Loudoun County Cream naked  
sides naked bottoms naked tops naked pink nail  
toes incredule opined licking changed hands six  
times the only sitting senator ever killed in battle.



## 19. Biblical Reference

Sailcloth Child

*Fair Mount*

all Earth's places are random  
most suffered from personal  
saviors leaving winding feet  
military heroes bridged  
ravines a wife committing  
philanthropist unlabeled  
Noguchis Icelandic ash

*Lining out the psalms*

extensive architected  
arc cannot justify tests  
limits to ergonomic  
furniture engineering  
wheels, knobs, mesh bends in concert  
heavy flamenco metal  
bamboo forest teaching slats

*Texmati Gospel*

I know sinners better than  
they admit I do not know  
if this is my delusion  
or their fear? propriety?  
self (awareness) denial?  
If nothing else it genders  
delicious tense to my day.

*Though I Walk*

swizzle, drum, pickup, river  
golden mother needs wants shorn  
heat as a large man tamping  
innocently edited  
privacy violation  
eyelids to fitful pressure  
[recite examples of sticks]

*Wheat/Chaff*

requirements wall projected  
strike pose The Guru Summoned  
(And He Shall Purify) low  
cut upcast dims the houselit  
her aggressive anecdote  
shared Isaiah Seventeen  
Thirteen owns The Threshing Floor

*An angel standing in the sun*

people watch immediate  
grammar motorcycle mid  
life crisis purchased do I  
brave myself first passenger  
knotted to clean muscle core  
most definitely a quick  
character set summary

*Eve and the Serpent*

Saturday verses  
reaped for this marriage  
only saved half heads  
lowered right arms out  
palms aimed at tempted  
newlywed construct  
SatanGuard (sm)  
living capstone love  
addiction abhorred  
by church and husband

*Your Old Men*

I deconstruct like a boat  
engine affront the desk nap  
schedule articulated  
bus commutes your stray ideas  
refracts, enacts, dedacts my  
skull habitual with frou  
frou drinks longdark though a straw

