

The Messenger

Volume 2006
Issue 1 *The Messenger*, 2006

Article 31

2006

Oxford Drizzle

Jared Campbell

Follow this and additional works at: <http://scholarship.richmond.edu/messenger>



Part of the [Poetry Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Campbell, Jared (2006) "Oxford Drizzle," *The Messenger*: Vol. 2006: Iss. 1, Article 31.
Available at: <http://scholarship.richmond.edu/messenger/vol2006/iss1/31>

This Poetry is brought to you for free and open access by UR Scholarship Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Messenger by an authorized administrator of UR Scholarship Repository. For more information, please contact scholarshiprepository@richmond.edu.

Oxford Drizzle

two turns spinning in the dryer,
 and still damp, dank, and clinging to the skin.
 here, my lust has mouldered into chinese water torture.
 a dripping faucet in the bathroom,
 rings of teastain on my desk
 accompany the evening entertainment.
 checking Cardinals scores,
 sent overseas by a dot com,
 but they don't mean anything over here.
 and without a Boston degree to stand as the middle term
 my Mississippi mind watches blue images pass under the bridge,
 with my father's time weighing me down.
 If I leap, will I find
 flat, open fields at home,
 or Aquinas schoolgirls,
 charming in their cold rationality?

[*Jared Campbell*]