

TAMMY RUGGLES

Angels Unaware, 2015
Silver gelatin print, 48 x 36 in



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Scary Poem

Beware the killer's on the loose
Swinging his scythe and scrotum
Beware he enters your dreams
With a face mask and speculum
Beware he crawls on fours and sixes
Keeps time with the ancient pendulum
He's pissed as a newt
He chains you to his beliefs
Beware he will make you disappear
Your history will be rewritten
Beware he sleeps in the same room
His smell is oddly human
Beware he's a territorial beast
He'll carve you into twelve provinces
Beware he flaunts his conquests
Beating his snare drum of flesh
Beware he is texting your sister
Whilst spraying his toxic gyzym
Beware he's ten thousand years old
And will survive the nexus pogroms
Beware he is the legacy of fear
No crypt nor dungeon can hold him

Marilyn Chin's new collection of poems, *Hard Love Province* (W.W. Norton), won the 2015 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award and was shortlisted for the California Book Award. She has published five books of poems, including *Rhapsody in Plain Yellow*; *The Phoenix Gone*, *the Terrace Empty*; and *Dwarf Bamboo*; and a book of fiction titled *Revenge of the Mooncake Vixen* (W.W. Norton, 2009).