

Tim Suermondt

The Briefest Encounter You Could Ever Imagine

She covered her hair with a scarf,
anticipating the chill.

She made a face—I did too
and we laughed.

Without saying a word, she turned
and walked away.

Without saying a word, I turned
and walked away.

But in memory we've stayed together,
surprising ourselves again, now and then,

floating like a water-lily around the bend,
disappearing, disappearing for only a little while.

Tim Suermondt is the author of two full-length collections: *Trying To Help The Elephant Dance* (The Backwaters Press, 2007) and *Just Beautiful* (New York Quarterly Books, 2010). He has published poems in *Poetry*, *The Georgia Review*, *Blackbird*, *Able Muse*, *Prairie Schooner*, *PANK*, *Bellevue Literary Review*, *Stand Magazine* (U.K.). Poems are forthcoming in *december magazine*, *Plume Poetry Journal*, *North Dakota Quarterly* and *Ploughshares*. After many years in Queens and Brooklyn, he has moved to Cambridge, MA with his wife, the poet Pui Ying Wong.