

# Real As Your Underwear

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He predicted narwhals would take to flight  
because  
like unicorns they would shed normalcy  
in favor of mystical beast status

I held out the five dollar bill  
reread his sign out loud  
“proffissy for a price”

yes yes yes he nodded

but I don't care about narwhales  
or mystical beasts as a whole  
if you really must know

not worth five dollars I concluded

no no no he shook his head  
everybody should care greatly  
when unicorns took to flight  
the poles shifted  
the world flooded  
and Pangaea busted open like calloused palm

so unicorns... they came before the dinosaurs?  
I smirked

he spit at my toes and gruffly asked  
if I really bought that Darwin-shit  
no such thing as dinosaurs  
bible says so, explicitly

but unicorns...

I started

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he insisted,

snatching my money and running

leaving his crutches like lonely giraffe bones

