

At A Shotgun Wedding

Sexual charisma, like stamina, is not an invention.
Every animal hunts choices, ways to seed essence
discover its magnetism, bed The Other to give pleasure.

In the dark, some gripe about decaying traditions
as if their approach is the only one, as if only they
have ever been right and moral in a perfect world.

Ridiculous, of course. Especially at this time
when even poor children are born into sufficiency,
basic needs met, most maternity wards clean.

I think it's imbalance, ultimately, that sustains
our ideas of unity, propriety and wealth.
I wouldn't dare say this. I hardly know how to live.

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Please Do, Artist Friend

One mistake is to believe there is originality.
Another is to believe that it's been used up.
There are not too many people in the world.
You are here. You have evasions to live by.
Why blame politics, or technologies?
Quandaries abide, so why blame, at all?

It's always possible for anyone to thrive.
Even dilettantes who claim no affiliation
make of themselves an avant garde.
You are desperate to be born, to invent.
You cannot become original. You already are –
from ashes, sweat, an influence.

—*John Michael Flynn*