



SURREAL POETICS

The resolution of dream and reality into a kind of absolute reality
... a surreality. (Andre Breton, Manifesto of Surrealism, 1924)

In poetry, an image must . . .

persist and endure.

~ Yu-Han Chao

"MAGENTA, BLACK, GREEN ON ORANGE"

A big screen TV
behind a green mat

bathtub full of
squid ink
lined with towel

or:

My kid
could draw that.
People weep before these?

Too many antidepressants
cancel out:
razored arm on kitchen floor
buried disinterred
reburied with wife

a metaphor for
what the Chinese call
the dirt grave of
love.

~ ABOUT THE POET ~

Yu-Han Chao was born and grew up in Taipei, Taiwan and currently lives in California. "Poetic intuition" means recognizing the images, preserving them and letting them stand on their own, speak for themselves.