

WORK ETHIC 2007

one ethic & only one ethic has been at the hardcore of it:
the incessant drum-drummed work ethic!

this prize-winning fuel is the source of any peculiar
successes i've stumbled into

(we judge others as we judge ourselves
& i'm a mostly truthful Being)

Gramp & gram had it by the rocky island full;
my parents back then too – before they ruined themselves.

always people would say 'she's a good little worker'
& i would glow while they expanded my reach.

waitressing for all those years – that incentive of the tip
kept my feet sore but my tray full of silver.

here now with third generation welfare women,
crack addicts, thieves, layabouts, scam artists,

the lost, uneducated, defeated & depleted,
the viciously selfish & insane,

nim-bidders, pimps, manipulators,
taker-users for every government program going,

the ones who bear drug addicted babies,
have them taken & who don't seem to care...

truthfully, it's inactivity that repulses me the most –
the ones who throw rocks, ruin cars, stab men, steal stuff,

deal drugs, sex trade, smash things –
well at least their up to something each day.