

# Nostalgia

by Clifford Brooks

Nostalgia is ruinous,  
the slow death of better days.  
Some kind of undigested glory  
for lepers,  
to those who don't love it  
it's a specious tale told by drunks.

*DRA Comment: Clifford Brooks' first book, The Draw of Broken Eyes and Whirling Metaphysics, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Brooks, who grew up in Crawfordville, Georgia near Athens, now lives in Jasper, where he teaches civics when he is not working on his second book, Athena Departs. Brooks is an extraordinary young poet, whose verse can move you in many directions. He is an original thinker and has founded the Southern Collective Experience, a small group of gifted artists whose many talents we will see over the coming years.*