## **POETRY**

## Ben Heins

## **THIRST**

Vegas, you unearthed the grass, replaced it with Astroturf

like when I grabbed Oasis's spotlit tits and felt concrete

dipped in purple sternum glitter. When I turned away, she

reloaded my glass.

You left

a watermark. Then

a lower one. When I stood beneath a street-mister,

I felt more heat, less luck. When I twirled my tongue

in your valley, I numbed. And yet,

I waved my dead muscle. I drank what you gave.