

## Things Seen at the Edge of a Motorway

A Fanta bottle filled with piss.

A doll's head, 1 eye plucked.

1 black boot, its twin 20 miles away  
on a slip road, just off the Bradford turning.

A dead magpie, its wing flapping in the wind.  
A builder's glove flecked with plaster.

An M&S bag stuck on a determined weed,  
the meal for £10 long gone.

A battered football caught offside  
down the embankment that's out of bounds.

A teddy flung from a child's hand.  
Ripped and sodden.

Lay it all out in the right kind of lighting.  
Apply filters. Take edgy angles. Wait for the hearts and likes.

Or leave it tossed about until  
it comes knocking at our door

at 2 in the morning demanding  
our attention, our forgiveness.