

Short Biography:

Jean-Dany JOACHIM: Growing up among poets in his native Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Jean-Dany wrote his first poem at age 14. His writing found its voice in the never-ending, complex reality of his country. After moving to U.S.A nearly two decades ago, he began writing in English, while at the same time exploring poetry in other languages. Jean-Dany has translated poetry from and into: Spanish, French, Haitian Creole, and English. As the creator and producer of the City Night Reading Series, he brings together poets, writers, performers and lovers of literature for the celebration of the art of word in the Boston and NYC areas. Jean-Dany was a 2007 finalist for the first Cambridge Poet Populist in the city of Cambridge Massachusetts, where he resides. He is the author of “*Chen Plenn – Leta*”, and his work has appeared in anthologies and numerous literary magazines. Jean-Dany’s mantra is: *La vie est belle!*



Be Cool

I don't care how cool you think you are
but when you are just back from reading your cool poetry
in the great cool city of New York
and now it's past 3:00 a.m. you're standing cool
in your cool home downtown
watching with cool passing under your nose each cab you hail
Oh brother, something aint just cool
in this whole cool affair.

Jean-Dany Joachim

Judas Iscariot

Je suis le père du fils
qui doit livrer le fils de Dieu
L'éternité louera la mort
du fils créateur, et son

nom sera sanctifié,
il sera ressuscité
et moi je pleurerai dans l'ombre
le sacrifice du mien

Ainsi le veut la prophétie
à jamais on dira son nom avec dédain
Et pour le salut de l'humanité, et
la plus grande gloire de Dieu

Je pleurs mon sacrifié
dans l'ombre d'un arbre.

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Judas Iscariot

I am the father of the son
who must betray the son of God
Eternity will praise the death
of the creator's son, and his

name will be sanctified,
he will be resurrected
and me I will cry in the dark
the sacrifice of mine

Thus prophecy wants it
Forever they will say his name with scorn
and for humanity's salvation
and the greatest glory of God

I mourn my sacrifice
in the shadow of a tree.

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