

## STEVE McCaffery / A Manifesto for Triplicity

Either

“Poetry cannot ignore theory, that constellation of ideas emerging with the collapse of communism as a valid praxis and the implosion of a multiplicity of discursive interests into the ‘human sciences’ under the governing rubric of Saussurean linguistics.”

Or

“Poetry can ignore that Saussurean constellation of theory emerging with the collapse of ideas into the valid praxis of communism ‘imploding’ the human sciences into the multiplicity of governing linguistics.”

## NON-MANIFESTO

the future is defunct  
the present is the frame & the illusion  
the past is the obsession  
the defunct is the dialectic & the category  
the impossible is the questioning  
the improbable is the book  
the frame is the kinesis & the stasis  
the performance is the telephone & the thermometer  
the illusion is the metaphrand & the mytheme  
the obsession is the metonym & the focus  
the enjoyment is the act & the structure  
the persistence is the desire

## **A MANIFESTO ON THE POETICS OF WINESBURG OHIO**

An electrician is someone who brings poetry to light bulbs.

A postman is someone who puts a letter-box around a poem.

A fisherman is someone who takes the letters A and B to sea.

A doctor is someone who brings poetry to thermometers.

A nurse is someone who brings bed-pans to poems.

A plumber is someone who puts poetry into pipes.