

Poem

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## White coat

Its feigned objectivity  
crisply ironed with the cost of ignorance.  
Unstained  
by the wearer's lack of intention.  
Far from pure —  
with calculated aloofness.  
How soon it forgets,  
though rarely forgives  
our shared history.  
Priding the consumer's need  
in its sustenance and power.  
Its fabric no longer delicately woven  
from dreams of multicolored shepherds  
set free,  
seeking to heal.  
Now mass produced,  
fit to provide  
for an economy of its kind.  
Forgetting that without you,  
I am not.  
May wrinkles and stains fall upon it,  
graceful reminders of its truth.

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