

CHRISTINA SHAH

meditative smoking man mixes it up

he circulates, venous blood between Saskatoon's bus loops
punched-down paunch, overproofed
challah dough boils a navy blue swell
over the beltline.

today, a midnight cowboy hat with a tattling
metal conchoed crown
on a hedgehog head.
same hypertensive eyeballs
and ritual benzene mantra
on his burning church walkabout.