

MIKE FERGUSON

Cold Imagination

You navigators
I am already far north
of the breeze

on an expedition
of undiscovered
solitudes.

What may not
be expected
gives me a foretaste

of beauty
sufficient to conquer
forebodings,

a cold northern
play of delight
to my imagination.

ABOUT THE POEM

“Cold Imagination” was created from *Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus* by Mary Shelley (1818). About the poem and the process of composing it, Mike Ferguson writes:

The poem “Cold Imagination” is from a collection of cut-ups found in the British novel canon, an arbitrary find and a catalogue to some degree, but also conventional. I have not attempted to reflect the original narrative or establish conventional “meanings,” though these do occasionally intrude, as here where there is an authorial echo. The extract for this poem was digitally randomised with various online cut-up generators, and the poem then crafted from this.

