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AN ANTHOLOGY OF SHORT STORIES

“Clarke has done more, even, than Vonnegut in setting his characters free: he’s flipped foreground and background, and at the same time invited others in to browse, and revise, and interfere with, and extend, his fictional Who’s Who.”

— Jonathan Lethem, from his foreword

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YOUR FRIEND, DOROTHY	Stacey Richter
BIRTH OF A FAWN	Kenneth Calhoun
IF THIS IS HOME, WELCOME HOME	Nina de Gramont
RABBIT	Owen King
ALL THE NUMBERS	Ben Greenman
REVERE	Mona Awad
ON THE NEWS	Annie Hartnett
A WAY TO BEAT MORTALITY	Shelly Oria
DAY OF THE FRAGHEADS	Lauren Mechling
HIAWATHA	Neil LaBute
GOTH MUSIC	Andrea Seigel
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