

“What life can a man live?”
Nolan Shah

What life can a boy live
when his rhymes are
whispers of horror?

What life can a boy live
when his teachers are
fear and instinct?

What life can a boy live
when his place is
on the lowest rung.

What life can a boy live
when his life is
not his own.

What life can a man live
when he's still called boy?

What life can a boy live
when he steals
from his (crooked) brothers?

What life can a boy live
when he bargains
with his (desperate) master?

What life can a boy live
when he tries to be a man?

A man can live life as Strange Fruit.
Take his chances,
maybe survive.

Or a man can run.