Burma: 8-8-88

Earthquake

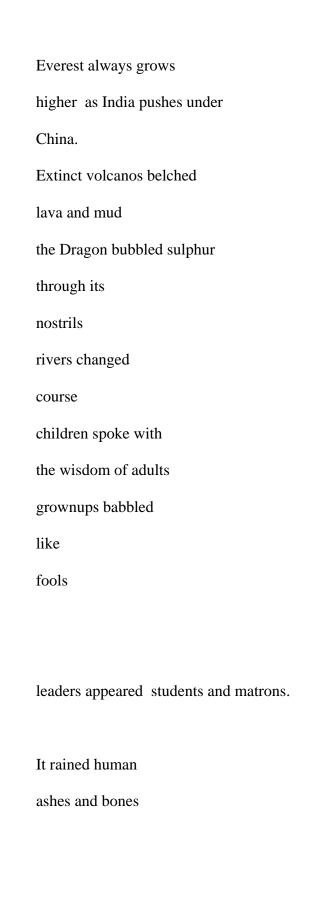
In the Year with many Eights in it the World trembled.

A fault like the San Andreas had been rumbling in Burma for decades sending seismic signals the finials of *chedis* falling off a gourd temple Bu Hpaya toppling into the Irrawaddy.

In that year finally the Fault that people tried to hop or jump over could no longer be ignored.

Two tectonic plates grated
against each other
one plate completely sliding under
one undermining the other
the other raised higher for the
opposing plate pushed

under it as



Buddha images shed tears
swollen at the
breast
the blood of children
flowed.

Kyi May Kaung, She-Monkey goes West, 1993.