

Safety on Board

by Lars Riisnæs

Life under your seat belt
Fasten seat while vested
Please do not communicate
and please switch off all fun
things
Help yourself first, and leave
the children for later
A light snack will be provided
assuming you are voluntarily
restrained.

If cabin pressure drops
please use the waste bags
provided for your convenience
in case of an emergency
please bend forward
And kiss your ass goodbye.

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Stuffed cats tell no tales,
and glass eyes don't see
(not while you're looking,
anyway).

by Henrik and Linn Neess



Angel of Cities

by Elizabeth Barrette

He stands atop skyscrapers
and apartment buildings,
thumbs hooked in his bluejeans,
naked from the waist up.

Maybe one day he'll appear
with nipple rings.
Maybe not.

Feathers the color of morning fog
ruffle in the wind
and his tousled brown curls
blow back from his face,
begging for a comb
or fingers.

He looks down his perfect nose at us,
but we know the truth:
he leaves Heaven itself
to come here, looking for
city girls.



Figure Study
by Elle Perez

The Body's Voice

by Donna Taylor Burgess

A girl disguised in an old lady's skin
Muscles stiff and slow of gait.

Awkward.

At night when she dozes--
She never really falls into a good sleep anymore--
She remembers dancing.

Twirling, shuffling.
Giggling up into the face
Of an handsome and unlined beau.

Her body is betraying her.

Inside/ outside.

It allows illness in to grow and to
flourish.

To spread.

Each heartbeat is a tick on the clock.
It is only a matter of time before she
winds down,
This girl trapped inside and destined to
die right along with
The old woman's skin she has become.