

Carefully Constructed

Embracing me

with the newness

of a child's first touch

Examining me

with the delicate balance

of memory and joy

Cradling me

between

pleasure and pain

Kissing me

with the sweet forgetfulness

of all else

Centerfold Shelia

She comes

in liquid dreams

of memory

Forever lasting

youthful beauty

High school picture

barely smiled

ignorance of her allure

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Abrogated

Waiting in the four A M lonely confusion
beneath the sleepless scattering of stars
beside the phone booth
listening for her lover's ring
promised for mid-night

Holding her breath
like a deep sea pearl diver

Dawn
creeping over the surrounding rooftops
with the waking realization of betrayal