

## Jane Siberry "The Empty City"

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The outline of the city  
The sheerness of it's height  
I thought that I was kidding  
When I said - I love this sight

I love this skyline  
Towers rising from the trees  
White bars on a blue graph  
Not exactly flapping in the breeze

Cast upon a great white plaza  
Filtered down through architects' maps  
A stand of glassy super-structures  
Rising from the sprawling city flats

Streaming to the blue sea  
Gleaming like beluga  
Reduced to teeming atoms  
And shimmering in the heat

Hope you have your camera  
Hope you have some paper  
Because if no one gets this down  
Then it's gone forever

This is the elevator  
I press all the buttons  
Every floor is different  
A different number anyway

The marble in the lobby  
The silent corridors  
Is this the new church  
Out of which.. no one pours

I feel I'm rising higher  
I must be in the clouds by now  
I knew it when I saw it  
I picked the right office tower

I feel I heard it lift off  
Break away from all the rest

Lifting it's great heaviness

Hope you have your camera ...

Strange when I think about it  
Well, that I should write of birds  
And flying things  
I always tried to avoid it  
Reminds me of dumb girls and bad poetry  
Well - I'm not perfect

I don't know why it moves me  
Maybe I'm going to die soon  
A secret known only to  
Known only to not even me

I want to live forever  
I fear maybe you don't  
I fear that I will lose you  
Leave me here to carry on alone

That's why I'm not that surprised  
That one has broken away  
Has lifted from the silent earth  
And carried me away

Hope you have your camera  
Hope you have some paper  
Because if no one gets this down  
Then it's gone forever

A crystalline set of dominoes  
Except not really crystalline  
And sort of domino-like  
But not really

Life is a tall white building  
Lifting from the silent earth  
It's carrying a message  
Carrying it away

I am only...  
I am only...

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