

## Karine Polwart

### "Can't Weld A Body"

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You crafted and caressed her with a careful hand  
But the lady didn't understand  
And you riveted and plated her til morning  
But with a coil or a careless spark  
Or a tumble in the dark  
She'll leave her mark upon you without warning

You can float a boat of steel upon the ocean  
You can fix it up with nuts and bolts and toil  
But you can't weld a body when it's broken

The lady she's as fair as Desdemona

She swallowed you up just like Jonah  
And there the air inside her belly ailed you  
And no-one saw you fall  
And they did not hear your call  
And your breath it faltered just before it failed you

On a cruiser that was fitted by your father  
You anchored in San Carlos harbour  
But the lady at the helm she was not for turning  
And in your bell bottoms blue

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