

## **Max Tundra**

### **"Lights"**

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I used to drive for a living  
Hairy arms fed the wheel thorough my palms  
Twitching feet made patterns on pedals  
Reflexes honed in a twice-failed test

The pay man Lance kept me elastic bound  
In the echelons of west one  
Slim chance of the odd long journey  
Kept me clinging to him for too long

Locked in a car all day  
Came home and worked on 'Children At Play'  
I had no deal then  
But I had fifty blank tapes then in a bag waiting

Held out for Beckett's bunch  
As the LTJ rejection letter flew in  
I knew it wouldn't be long  
Before I wrote Carbon Cones

Only last week, I noticed  
That the colors of the lights in my studio  
Are the same as the ones  
You conjure in my mind  
(Yellow and green, green pea green)  
(Cherry red and red and blue)

When my Amiga reads from a disk  
You know the green fills the room  
And your long summer dress fills my mind

My other jobs were none to speak of  
"Make a coffee for the man in Avid One"  
"Drop these lunches off then take  
This Betacam to a place on Dean Street"

Most posts seemed  
To involve the lifting of heavy boxes  
Be they crates of soft drink  
Or hyper-boring finance files

A man of such small frame

As I broke into several sweats a day  
Whilst failing to procure even the hint  
Of any musculature improvement

Heavy-lifting days are in the bin now  
But I still dip into tempting  
Wearing the odd suit, attending the odd interview  
Subsidizing the drum programming you hear today

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Just yesterday I was woken  
By a flashing of a light from my studio  
Confirming that this time stretch was complete

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