

Mia Doi Todd "Jackals"

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In a bedroom of a brick & stuck house
A girl in Seersucker pants reached for a book
To pass the day away

Not yet knowing the proper way to read
The girl took the tales as fact and cried all afternoon

After dinner and after her daily bath
Clean-skinned and dump-haired she lay down to bed
As the lights went out

Under an Amish quilt and inside her flannel pajamas
The girl wrestled with troubled thoughts
Troubled sleep, troubled dreams

The elevator opens on
A while frost-bitten world
I step out and the doors slide closed
Leaving me alone
With the only one who could hurt me

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Old Giapetto sold all his winter clothes
To buy books for his wooden son
Who lied, lied through his nose
And when the circus wagon came rollin' through the
town
The boy jumped aboard and left
Not even a note

In desperation over this disappearance
The old man with arthritic hands tore down his house
Plank by plank
And carried each one by one, down to the harbour
Trading his shoes for some nails and a hammer to
build
To build himself a boat

The waters are wide
But I will find my child
I'll set out into the sun
Until I met my end
In the belly of a whale

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Nineteen eithy two, Mercedes Blues and the rumbling
sputter
Of a diesel engine and the gooseflesh returns
Isn't it a pity, isn't it a shame
We can't see ourselves inside this moving sedans
The windshield's too busy to reflect
The outside looks lovely and oh so tempting
The light on the smokestacks and water towers
beckons me
Beckons to me
So hello, my newfound friend Disaster
Come sit down at our round-table
Let us ask your advices
Should we bring on the accident ?

Drive on my friends
There's love beyond this bend
Sky's falling doctor's calling
But still it's worth the wait
Time's passed
Time is passing
And time will pass

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