

## Anderson Laurie

### "Tightrope"

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Last night I dreamed I died and that my life had  
been rearranged into some kind of theme park.  
And all my friends were walking up and down the  
boardwalk.

And my dead grandmother was selling  
cotton candy out of a little shack.  
And there was this big ferris wheel  
about half a mile out in the ocean,  
half in and half out of water.  
And all my old boyfriends were on it.  
With their new girlfriends.  
And the boys were waving and shouting  
and the girls were saying Eeek.

Then they disappeared under the surface of the water  
and when they came up again they were laughing  
and gasping for breath.

In this dream I'm on a tightrope  
and I'm tipping back and forth trying to keep my  
balance.  
And below me are all my relatives  
and if I fall I'll crush them.  
This long thin line. This song line. This shout.

The only thing that binds me to the turning world below  
and all the people and noise and sounds and shouts.  
This tightrope made of sound  
This long thin line made of my own blood.  
Remember me is all I ask.  
And if remembered be a task forget me.

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