

## *Ursula's Matter*

*the matter was dark  
and heavy  
deep down  
ursula knew  
that if she didn't stop carrying it around  
her back would turn to stone  
like the kind they used to make her grandfather's tomb  
so  
one day  
when everybody she knew  
had left for work  
ursula a found vacant lot  
and made a shrine with her skirt  
where she laid her matter down  
and spent the rest of the day  
deliberating (deliberating)  
back and forth  
with glassy eyes  
sometimes half empty  
(and sometimes) half full  
till many hours had passed  
and the sun's rays fluttered along the ground  
and the people she knew had all returned home from toil  
and she felt as rattled and dry as a bag of bugs  
that's when her shadow distracted her (that's when her shadow distracted her)  
with it's long lanky arms and disproportionate head  
(with it's long lanky arms and disproportionate head -tiny pea shaped head)  
as incomprehensible (incomprehensible)  
as Eeeeeeeeeeeeeeee (Eeeeeeeeeeeeeeee equals) equals MC squared  
she began (she began) to fish (to dance)  
she imagined herself  
as a beautiful white bear  
riding on a beautiful white boat  
and licking  
delicious oceanic pleasures  
she felt billowing clouds of inspiration lift her  
ursula saw the earth  
as she floated down  
and continued on below the surface  
the grey atoms of the pavement swirled with colour  
and welcomed her  
and that's how  
ursula's matter  
be came light*