

# Kim and the Sea-gulls



*(Kim had Down's Syndrome. This incident took place when she was in her early teens.)*

You broke clear.  
I do not know  
what drove  
you to spirit yourself  
away.

In search of  
more room  
you ended up  
on a cliff edge.

Where further  
could you escape to ?

Frail  
and at risk  
on that blustery high corner  
you looked out  
on miles of grey unrest  
borderless peace

and took your clothes off.

I do not know what drove  
you so to yield yourself  
to the pure  
flesh.  
You felt pure  
chill and turned  
blue.

And the sea-gulls  
turned  
as if for prey

and swooped  
on you,  
mobbing.

Someone found  
you there -  
eye of a storm  
of sea-gulls, blue  
in a storm  
of tears.

She brought you  
safely home.

But I believe,  
my dear,  
that you  
went seeking  
storm  
that day.

**Rogan Wolf (b. 1947)**

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