

ERNEST SLYMAN, EDITOR, REVERIE

Love (Kuypers') work. Enjoy her style, graceful, charming and engaging work. I love her work. And wish to show our other contributors her style and lavish textured charm.

MARK DAVIS, EDITOR, ON THE ROAD

All (Kuypers') writing is of very good quality.

JOE PEEBLES, EDITOR, DIARIST'S JOURNAL

(Kuypers' work) is great writing, and she writes extremely well...She is a great writer. Keep up the good work...Diarist's Journal can certainly use people with her talent.

JOE SPEER, EDITOR, SPEER PRESENTS

I value her words as they appear on the screen or on paper. Anyway, I'm one of her biggest fans. (Kuypers is) one of my favorite writers. Her words create scars on my memory. When I read a full page of Chicago's soon-to-be award-winning-poet Janet Kuypers' work I had one of Joyce's moments of aesthetic arrest (not yet cardiac, huh?).

I hope to meet editor Janet Kuypers... I will tell her: "the thought of you/puts a sparkle in my eye/and I can't help but smile." When I discover a Kuypers poem in any zine I turn on to that page and read it first.

THE REMAINS

Oh.



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civil war

I

the confederates are winning the battle
but I know the north will win the war
and all they'll get is a ravaged battlefield

II

*a civil war is raging inside me
but I'm tired of fighting from within
when all I want is a revolution*

fire arms

we were driving through
Sequoia National Forest

up a winding road
along the mountainside

and along the road
a sign in the forest said
check your fire alarms

and we looked at each other
and laughed, and joked

because there are no fire
alarms in a car to check

on the
california streets

we were walking along Santa Monica Boulevard
we passed a young homeless man, and he asked
could you spare a hundred thousand dollars?
and I thought, of course he won't get it
but of all the places in the world, this is the only
place where he could get away with asking for it

never did
the same

we've put each other through hell, i know
 we've tried each other's patience
 we've goaded each other on
 we've pissed each other off
 we've jerked each other around
 but i've noticed two things, one
 is that whenever you were unhappy
 i turned on the charm, i tried
 to make your day, i tried to
 make you laugh, and the other
 thing that i noticed is that
 you never did the same for me

I have
my dreams

I don't even care
 if you call me anymore
 because I have my dreams
 and they make me happier
 than you

ways to spend
your money

I spent a week in Los Angeles recently
 visited Beverly Hills, Hollywood, Brentwood
 I saw the Hollywood sign
 and Marilyn Monroe's hand print in concrete
 took my picture with Tom Jones' star
 but the one thing I noticed
 was that among the shops
 that lined the streets of every neighborhood
 there were quite a few pet spas
 "pet spas," i thought, "pet spas"