

Innocence

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Just because
my clothes aren't water proof,
and the rain soaks through this dress;
Just because
I'm not one of those new
cloned superwomen who are ten feet tall;
Just because
I take a stool with me when I
go to the bank—so I can reach the buttons,
it doesn't mean you have to
call me names
like old fashioned scum...

or does it?

Ouch

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The word I scream as you rip
your dreams out of my tangled hair
because you don't want to share.