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CINDY SIEGRIST

THE SILVER STAGE  
OR  
HOW TO BECOME PART OF HOLLYWOOD  
WITHOUT ACTUALLY BEING A STAR

Hey High-stepper  
You think you turn me on  
With your statuesque platforms  
Your stream-lined satin pants  
Your sassy strut  
Your silly serenade?  
Well Glitter Boy . . .  
Your place or mine?

MINDY WOLF

THE WAR BABIES

The war babies are kept in  
laboratory jars safe from  
tumbling strongboxes and the  
flood of sunshine on the windows.  
Curled into the brown-tinted jars their  
black tongues tasting the stinging  
hive of their energy,  
their stomachs rumbling quietly like  
ocean-shells and they are nursed by  
long, thin breasts.  
The war babies.  
So easily exploded if the complicated  
chests of wire begin to fail.