



1995

In the Waiting Room

Erik Reuland

Follow this and additional works at: <http://scholarworks.wmich.edu/calliope>

 Part of the [Creative Writing Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Reuland, Erik (1995) "In the Waiting Room," *Calliope*: Vol. 1995 : Iss. 1 , Article 31.
Available at: <http://scholarworks.wmich.edu/calliope/vol1995/iss1/31>

This Poetry is brought to you for free and open access by the English at ScholarWorks at WMU. It has been accepted for inclusion in Calliope by an authorized editor of ScholarWorks at WMU. For more information, please contact maira.bundza@wmich.edu.



In the Waiting Room

a tenuous linking of eyes subtle searchings and
a twisting a shifting of posture hoping that at
another angle in another light you might see
some spark of reciprocation a veil behind the
blue of your eyes trying not to seem desperate
but your hungry expression gives you away we
are in the waiting room glancing over the tops
of slick and glossy magazines we are in the
waiting room our seats are carefully picked not
to seem too obvious you compliment my shirt i
choke out thanks in a ragged wisp of awkward
sound an uncleared throat and clumsily shaped
lips we are in the waiting room i draw a
question mark on the back of my hand and
gently raise it to brush my hair back from my
face you show no sign of understanding of
receiving i sip water from a paper cup looking
up flashing my eyes lasciviously giving it all
away you're turned away my other hand twists a
piece of string around my barely shaking fingers
you have turned away we are in the waiting
room i tie myself to the seat

Erik Reuland