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The War Babies

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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.