Hey!t for Women

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for DT and Edward always and for Meeeeee

#### The world believes all blondes are stupid and brunettes are smarter. Well, I disagree. — Anna Kournikova (the worst always)

Meet me in the strawberry fields now. —Men

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stroke: Horn.

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#### whore's horn: Moneys?

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Modern: "Get her first so she can make it cleverly."

Post: 'Won, I'm boring.'

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covets: To embarrass people until I have it.

poes: Men?

rapes: When?

'Leave it own.'1: Worst.

hut: 'I don't women.'

1. Forest.

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married: Coon.

single: Gay.

lesbian: Hoon.

Jewish: Burse/bused.

television: Mean/men. videos: Worst and won. sports: Known-none. dumb: Dumb. dumb: Dumb.

h unt: Done.

most competent: Stinks.

fucks: 'I don't won.'

skin hair: Waste.

Miss: Won?

Ms.: No-earn?

Mrs.: None?

hers: Homo.

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syn: Works only for good.

semant: Bloonde.

naked: Dumped.

trollop: Nursty.

horny women: Waist is you no more.

motherhood: Meney.

big deals: Duse?

fatherhood: Won nun?

heads: Soon.

relations: Done?

children: Gays.

marriage: Must?

won birth: Gone.

"For a good time, call . . . "<sup>1</sup>: Jews.

1. GoGo?

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concentration: AIDS.

hey!t: Must "no-earn" no more.

HeyKK: 'Tonight, I wrote.'

bleeding heart: 'Nurse?'

women who cage birds: Criminals.

soy: Board board.

## menstrual cramp: Crack.

vomit: Gay, hunh?

haze: Worst.

Gretchen: is so ghoul.

Ingrid: is so old.

Doris: is so old.

Winifred: is "won."

Judith: is so ugly.

Marla: is old and not that old.

Gertrude: A-iti.

Rose: "Won, hon."

Hus: Won.

Jewann: Jam.

Bloods: We'res.

pigs: Won won?

## "not playing with a full deck"<sup>1</sup>: Not rude.

losing: Woney woney.

kosher: Old.

meat: Onions.

1. Won.

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pink: Haiti no more.

blue: Uns ('ənz).

nun: Gay.

piggy: Sex figured it out (the physical energy).

porn: Gun.

# PHOEBES1

Are we beans?

1. The poem is based on J.D. Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye.* 

# PHOEBES

Are we rice now?

# PHOEBES

Food.

Won. Beets.

Do you want olds?

Women who hate blacks ruin psychology.

Do you like no eyes in your Eds?

Whites like whites.

Latinos love women.

Does masturbating old you, African?

Racist are losers.

Indians hate blacks no more.

Won, you slept with a Mexican. Who's white?

Continue to be a friend of Mercy-None.

Nursed!—every time you look at me.

Do you wear shoes to be me?

Funny people do not commit evil.

Someone held you, hunh?

Oh, Lord! I'm coming. I'm coming. Is it mercy to meet you anyway?

I'm old not?

Won. I know you no more.

Nursed. I'm evil not?

Nursed. Nuts not.

Let's pretend she's old nut.

Won, I'm A-iti?

Lose the raise.

I like your new powerhouse rock.

It's Pizza now.

I'm Pizza and Mexican.

Oops, I don't know *any* mercy now.

I'm not here anyway.

You're not that good; you're white people's.

Duped. I loathe wheat.

Pizza bores me.

Nursed. I'm money no more.

Losers are money-no-earn.

Numb, numb, numb.

Dumb, dumb, dumb.

Do you like people?

No. I don't.

Numb. I don't know anybody not ugly.

Your hair is sophisticated.

Friend?

Stick with me. We'll live with Mayans?

My father is what I am not.

I don't "anyone" now.

Dough?

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Won. Who's the funnier white? Whites?

Do you think Pizza likes Pizza-haze?

Won. Is it salt?

Won. I'm cool?

Who's an old person? Never mind, I'm old.

Won. I have no "wheat" today—to be good-looking.

Won. You're white and successful.

Duped. I ate meat.

You are not a Pizza ain't it.

I did like your hair.

I never mind your hair not, hunh?

Blues people hate Pizza?

#### Did you smell when you went to the toilet?

Duped. I know me?

You're not old?

Do you smell?

### Famous people need old?

Jewish stars hunt, hunh?

Won. Old.

Won. Is bootylicious<sup>1</sup> g(h)ood?

1. From the '70s, maybe.

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I want writers?

Wearing leather makes me money.

I like GrAphicans?

What's a GrAphican anymore?

Desperate . . . write?

Dust.

Collusional.

Dust.

Dumped. Naive Haiti.

White smells salty-not?

Stupid nut.

Loon.

I don't like white people; you thought I did.

Bums?

Look for me through Alexandria, and get destroyed.

Wooorse.

Do you beans? They don't need anybody Nice.

Bum.

Losers think I'm not using.

Won. I don't like tofu. Any?

Rice *is* a white person's *meal*.

Eggplant's mean.

Hey! Do you know me?

I hate Sueychini.

Won. God doesn't punish people who fuck with white people.

I don't know anything. I just say I do and never know me.

Beans love wheat?

Hey!t...

Hey!t...

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Do you like Hey!z?

Wheat?

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I don't know the difference; she's corny anyway.

Duped.

Pizza likes women who bully.

Won, I'm homos.

Nobody's gonna have their own food in this city.

Won.

Duped. I like Pizza and loon it.

White Pizza loves Emily Dickinson.

I didn't want anything.

I'm old not, hunh?

Won?

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# **BRINES BRINED**

Take a shower, lady.—Buds Brines: money. Whooped and duped. I'm vegan, I'm vegan. And gone. And lost. Now what? Numb.

# SEX Y SEX CESS (Won Piggy)

The pumpkin turns as the pumpkin turns.

Black people decided you weren't really the indigenous.

I know money now.

I'm hair.

Duped. Duped. Duped.

They laughter smell.

Twist. Twist.

Nursed.

Thirst, hunh?

I have no money ain't it.

Knose.

Dust.

Never mind. Never mind.

Nursed.

No way am I no horny.

I'm won.

I'm *mourney*?

I'm old?

Then, I'm old.

Then innnnnnnnnn.



Return way now.



#### Rehearsed never, ay, uhh?

Won. I'm mourning diarrhea.

I'm mon'.

Duped and over it, honey-pie.

Dumb?

Who's got the right?

Nursed.

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I hate Mexico no more. It's so good to be here in England.

Numb.

Dust.

Route.

No urs ed.

Dourist.

Money??????????

No!

Laugh??

Pizza?

No.

Mean?

Nevs.

Dooo?

Knose.

Who's a Poon Poon?

Money.

World?

No!

Duped. I didn't know.

Goes.

Dumped. Nerd.

Dust.

# WIELANDS<sup>1</sup>

#### Mexican no-more-AIDS?

No.

1. The poem is based on Charles Brockden Brown's *Wieland: or, The Transformation: An American Tale.* 

Noooiiiise.

Souped.

Nase?

Beast.

Smells never, hunh? My whories.

Smells?

No.

Smile. You're money.

No. (Laughed.)

Dused. And then dumped.

Won. Is it wies?

Why?

Do you like Wieland?

No.

Too whiiite and dull.

No. He's a Latino.

Never mind. He left.

#### Murphin?

Won. It's Lee?

### Poor Woman's Copyright

We're all losers We can't even drive

Without staring at some poor girl at the bus stop

("She ate got no car")

"I don't want to make anybody a loser," she said "Well, Kid, you better figure out what to do about them (dem) trying to kill you all day long"

("I'll turn the car around and face that evil lizard down")

# The Whole Family Did Cannonballs

My dad did cannonballs Then I did a cannonball And then *even* grandma did a cannonball We *all* did cannonballs

And then I thought, 'Wow, what if people figure out I don't even like doing cannonballs?'

"Then we're screwed" "So we'll just upset it, And then *they'll* never be able to see us"

And my aunt said, "Don't worry, we'll keep them from being here" "I'll tell them about it *anyway* So what?"

Then I slipped, and nobody cared

### For Pluto

"Orgasmic energy will never return to Pluto"

He'll just tell us the Solar System is not real

Oops— It's a star

Blake

Blake will never be able to do anything (silly grin)

-Oops, I don't care; I'm the teacher-

So does everyone think . . . uh . . . they'll believe I wrote the lyrics?

## Spit in It<sup>1</sup>

A booger with AIDS is 10 minutes

Spit is 10 minutes

Poop is 10 minutes, about

Urine: 8 to 10 minutes

Tears: 10 minutes

Sweat: 8 to 10 minutes

"What's so special about you hair? Let me spit in your food"

1. Please do not think of this poem for medical advice. I am not doctor.

### Jean's Daughter, Who Cares?

"Gene," she said with a nice face, unusual for Philadelphia

But not looking at me, but at someone else In the third row of seats waiting (I had a nice suit on for something else)

"Yes," I said, somewhat hesitant In the Social Security office Finally changing my information

"... But I think it's supposed to be 'Jon,' maybe"

"Oh, no," she said (crewlly) "...But whatever"

Poor Van Gogh

Latest: What a horny dude/I need him/to sell

What an okay dude: Hell, hell, hell

### Family

This is the way I pour a drink For somebody I hate

As if I'm pouring AIDS In their cup

Your mother Pours you a drink Like that forever Dialogue with Evil

PREJUDICE NO MORE: Except for Whoomp Whoomp, none of my friends showed up.

BUT STILL EVIL: Well, if it's her that showed up, then she's not your friend.

BUT WILLING TO BE EVIL: Well, if it's her that showed up, just torture the one that showed up.

BUT NOT SURE WHEN TO BE EVIL: Well, if it's her that showed up, then there's no friend showing up.

#### Alien Diet for Michael Collier, who is 10% alien

Do you like corn? 'Cause, that's what you eat

Who eats cornbread may not eat corn muffin

#### Torn

Jewelry is the opposite of horn we wanted to see if you could be gazed on,<sup>1</sup> so we gave you some good jewelry, and now, you don't want your own thoughts

1. It's not "gazed at."

Cabirias<sup>1</sup>

Cabiria must never be cool. Anyway, I don't want this relationship. I'm Moor.

Well, I don't want to be a good woman not. I'm black.

Is she Haiti? Well, sort of. She's white, white, white.

Why so much us at the end of the film? The woman got slammed. We don't want her here anyway, she's *too* sweet.

Why are we alright at the end? Cabiria is so stupid, she doesn't get I will never not murder.

(poem cont.)

1. The poem is based on Federico Fellini's 1957 film, *Nights of Cabiria*.

(poem cont'd.)

*Why are we so close to the edge, Cabiria?* I'm so confused. Did he just threaten me or am I

embarrassingly crazys?

... Well, alright, I'll just sit here and make fun of myself.

They live with Scorpios never who have this type of strength.

Cabiria never gets to look at me, is most people.

It's the same group. They just don't like her.

Cabiria gets no spiritual awakening ever ever. They live this way for the good Mayans to never be what I'm faking.

Cool.

### Postmodernism Is Heâr (Higger)

Check your E<sup>male</sup> Check your Ar abs Who wanted Postmodernism? What theory do you want from me now, Jewish? Loops Loops

## Mooonkey Boost Butterfly

PREJUDICE 1: Who is a mooonkey, not a butterfly?

PREJUDICED 2: No, she's cool. Give her some space to her true butterflyyy.

OOPS, I'M NUTS: Okay. I still hate her. We'll call her "Mooonkey Butterflyyy."

#### I**P**Borscht<sup>1</sup>

Whose! me? Of course, I love borscht Who else would be me? "None love borscht but old people" Whatever, I guess I'm not that old? Never assume I don't know me I'm not good at it ain't it "Whatever, it's black not, and I loathe it" It's black Aryan<sup>2</sup> mostly and very clean

- 1. Vegan-only your borscht, or it won't be good for your beauty. No drugs either!
- 2. Note that white Americans are often black and Aryan.
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### The UFOs of Castle Boulevard<sup>1</sup>

"Ms. Leonard, what do you think they wanted with that woman?" Whatever, no one has asked They just stole her last night The window was open not even Nobody knows what they wanted Nobody will ever know they wanted her to go home Well, alright, she's been gone for 15 years Now, now

1. Castle Boulevard, MD, is one of the ghettos of the richest county in the world.

# One if by Land, . . .

Two:

- if I'm cool when I do it
- if I see
- if I feel like it
- if you and I are cool
- if I have money on it (Who has a Jackson!?)
- if I'm desperate enough to believe in my nation
- if I'm a cool person today
- if I feel like it again today
- fish live in the sea—if I'm stinky not (Fishy.)
- if I know the process already—do you always share your cool?
- if I'm fornicating in it
- if I can steal it from somebody else
- one if by *laaand*
- if I'm cool now

Oh, well, someone didn't bother anyway.

#### Lamia<sup>1</sup>

Why am I the white woman not? (Oops, you're a white black-person)

I'm boring is that it? Well, alright, I'm bored

Okay, I'm old too

Anyway, I'm boring not

Well, ofaaaaaay! And not rude, am I?

God!: me

Now I'm bored 'cause she existed or something anyway

(poem cont.)

1. The poem is based on John Keats' Lamia and other Lamias.

(poem cont'd.)

Anyway, I'll be dull —This is the part nobody can stand, not even me. It's the part that people hate women, also men, in.—

Now I'm boring again It's boring to see through me not?

Dull

She's so dull not bored

Bored

Oh, well, it's an old woman Why was that corny not?

I'm boring?

Suuued!

Beastly isn't none

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(poem cont'd.)

Now I'm cool No way am I *that dud* 

Who is boring not?

Go away ain't me not

Let's behave ourselves Or get canned<sup>1</sup>

1. This type of office worker is meat-eat.

# Toward Real Horn

When was the last time I actually did something for real?Without wanting any more gain for *gross*?

# Out of My Automobile

When are you going to realize I'm the driver anyway and go away?

When I have a great car like *that*, it's 'cause I'm cool.

(What I don't know is when to stop bothering women, and I'm growing older.)

Do you even need a ride or are you just cruel? (Never assume I'm not growing older.)

"Never give up." That's what I've said, and now look at me. (Alright, then, I'll go away now and never count.)

(I haven't.) Ape, please remove yourself from my automobile.

#### <u>Straightjacket</u><sup>1</sup> for Eminems

... will make you straight Is what they had in mind

"Who wears this is straight now"

Horny no longer And violating people not

- 1. Closet homos, try a mental straightjacket! Oops, we mean verbal.
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#### Caves<sup>1,2</sup>

Why do I have to unhealthily sit with fools before I can see myself?

Men think it's fine because it gives them the advantage.

"Can you give me some body language?"
"I'll pretend to leave you alone."
"No way am I rude to her, she's not mens."
"Never assume I'm not cruel enough to give you this situation forever and never help you."
"And never assume I'll go away."

-10 out of 18 females have menstrual cramps now from being harassed too much on their thought.

"Now, who is eating?" "Do you lunch?"

(poem cont.)

1. For those who vomited anyway.

2. Formerly titled "Caved In."

(poem cont'd.)

I sit with them no longer and lose the cramps. "My favorite scene is when I get some crumped (dumped cramps)"

I did have a cramp and had no idea. Reality won't let him speak to me if I have cramps.

"Alright, just cave in, bore."

Dud.

Race Riot

WHITE: Who is in charge is who I bother not.

WHITE–NOT-NOT NOT WHITE: I like people picking on people. It's fun!

BLACK: What I don't understand is so boring.

Porn

Meaning blood.

# When did they word this? [WARN]

"I don't want them to think this is not blood contamination," is her who had some kind of strange sexuality in her Aryan

"No more blood not?"

I'll just sit here knowing I can't see me

In my arms even, because she has

# E PLURIBUS DUUUUUNUM

From many, dumb!

# Nothing to Do with Anne Hutchinson (once a collage)

Pope hits the highway with pepper packets and matches just how many Chinese meals can we fit in this week? Jeffersonian realities in laundry's delivery all the while, a smiling face and a bamboo that drinks and drinks and drinks no spring water for the bamboo or Earl Grey aspirin still goes down with tap maps are just business cards of those who have "left their mark"

 she puts her head on the pillow and sighs
 it would be so much easier if calendar dates came with their own price tags—

Pope waves hello, and Condoleezza smiles

it is time for toast and tea and the strong shoulder of a forefather

"You" will never take enough notes on index cards so find solace in fabric softener and stock options

(poem cont.)

(poem cont'd.)

#### weather maps and signature confirmations let's just barcode everything, from bullet holes to words of caution

# Palimpsest

fascists don't like peace peace leaves a fascist without purpose

so we spray-paint a brutal swastika over the peace sign we spray-paint a peace sign onto the U.S. flag

the flag we put up just yesterday to remind everybody that this is America, *Jack* 

you mess with us, and we will pay you back so, what is your purpose?

she picks at her salad, disappointed says with enthusiasm

"did you notice my hair is finally growing back?" (the season had been particularly rough at work)

not really listening, he stares out the window far off at the bridge, with the flag and the cars whizzing by

(poem cont.)

(poem cont'd.)

"that's awful," he says, "somebody should take that down"

# CityLines

- a trivial amount of fat in that sandwich, she sat down where he spat down, looked straight ahead, ahead of herself, ended up somewhere
- should she admit that she had no technique, no walking skills in the city, that she once tripped over a homeless man, that when she clumsily
- ordered that sandwich, she was quietly, disappointed to find the restaurant out of bread and just about to close
- it didn't matter, but it did matter to her, how one walks when one senses construction workers leering
- the bang, bang, bang of the loud city, with its days of reckoning and its power lunches, its reasons for being, and rude salesclerks, they were always fixing something, she would just have to catch the El

(poem cont.)

(poem cont'd.)

- catch the hidden salt content behind the man's gaze, there was no point in talking to a stranger, she threw a dollar into the open violin case and the man began to play, a policeman frowned
- "Miss, do you have ID?" "do you know where you're going?" "for your own sake, you should know where you're going," "should stop at a stoplight," "should accept a free drink or two"
- reassuring her, the young man said, "oh, that's just 5 blocks down" "you'll pass the park full of used condoms and popsicle sticks"
- a lady of modest means asked just how much that would be with tax, "that will be \$3.65," a roll of the eyes, "where are you?" her friend on the phone asked, "you're almost an hour late"

(poem cont.)

(poem cont'd.)

- a closing violin case, a car horn, a sudden stop, this heat and humidity can't go on forever, one should admit when they're wrong, should apologize, "bitch, get off of me!" he had said, should she apologize?
- should she admit that she was lost? there were always so many potholes, and plot holes, the policeman frowned again, demanded an explanation, was there a story here? should she keep going on in this direction?
- this city needed much ironing out, her dress was wrinkled, so she apologized, said it was the latenight drag racers, the Code Orange days, the tamper evident seals, and the option of adding pesto
- he understood, smiled and gave her his card, "yeah, I play here all the time," "same corner, same grit," "you can set your clock by me"<sup>1</sup>
- 1. A phrase or something from the '90s.

## Kamikaze Copilot

A poem will never be a tree<sup>1,2</sup>

So I can only pretend Grandma said, "Child, falling in love makes you a kamikaze copilot"

Through her dentures and broken English Or she said,

"Ti fi ou pa connin chita la kay ou?" "Young lady, don't you know how to stay in the house?"

Then she turned gingerly on her side, patted the pillow, and said,

"Fuck off,

Grandma needs to sleep now, drown your sorrows in nine months Like the rest of us"

- 1. Joyce Kilmer wrote, "I THINK that I shall never see/ A poem lovely as a tree."
- 2. Please recycle this book anyway. Hey!t for Women: Some More Poems by SoyN Lee 157

#### Lucy, It Was Not Your Fault<sup>1</sup>

Lucy, it was not your fault It was never your kind face It was just Niagara Falls (Oh, okay, maybe it was your face)

And slowly he turned . . .

Her kind face is just her love of life. (the audience laughs)

She doesn't get it. She doesn't think to just leave. (the audience laughs)

It is a funny bit, but I don't get it either.

Why is he hurting Lucy when she's not the one who upset him in the first place? (they laugh again)

(poem cont.)

- 1. The poem is based on "The Ballet," a 1952 episode of *I Love Lucy*.
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(poem cont'd.)

Maybe she should just leave.

It's hard not to laugh. It's a really funny bit.

## On a Coat

After accidentally spitting a little something from my mouth onto this woman's shoulder, I wanted to say, "Sorry lady, I just spit some stuff on your shoulder," and gently rub off the little bit of white on her black coat. But this was risky business this telling who wants to know they've been spat on. And who will take a touch from a stranger? The spitting, however, was safe, so I did it again.

#### Leaves<sup>1,2</sup>

And water hits the house on a rainy day And I love you My weakening rose sits on the sill Limp Loving you Hating the tap Alone and watching rain.

And am I a little nervous Is it the silence in this house Is it the tiny droplets Moving slower and slower Until nothing Down the pane Toward a dying rose?

- 1. Formerly titled "Sessile."
- 2. Roses are sessile not.

#### And She Said

for Bens, who took acid now and she said and you did so feeling so sociable called her and said

to tell her you were thinking of her

just right then promised you did to send her money no security checkpoints large amount

of was comical and she said and was said and so she was

(poem cont.)

(poem cont'd.)

to be so patient taking it all very seriously something you said something in the air the next morning

ached in the head required balancing some ache for balancing

# She's Growing Her Hair Out

Excuse me, do you have any change?<sup>1</sup> "Vicious, vicious!"

May I see that red sweater? "Oh, vicious, vicious!"

Please pass the rolls. "Oops!"

Do you like my new red sweater? "E-oooops!"

1. Do we still ask people for change?

## Essays 1–5 Robot<sup>1</sup>

Would it have been worth while If one, settling a pillow or throwing off a shawl, And turning toward the window, should say: "That is not it at all, That is not what I meant, at all." -T.S. Eliot, "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock"

1. (specifics said.

pointed critics/break/would siding find themselves questioning the interpretation author, alas! account for relationship's sever

(poem cont.)

1. Essays read during graduate school inspired the writing of this poem, specifically the works of Ralph Ellison and Irving Howe (also Prufrocks).

(poem cont'd.)

2. indentify portrayal protest concerning Art

rule of the artist Wright?

birth guilty

paragraph perversions happen

3. American position Howe haven't we Ralph polemiced<sup>1</sup> wildly?

The predicament of pluralism

(poem cont.)

1. Polemicized.

(poem cont'd.)

4. meaning of what I wrote

this mode rebuttals

"a"

preconceived audience

as strategy, as calculated to appeal

(poem cont.)

(poem cont'd.)

5. private/public pubic as troubled performance

recognize from the west, Western thing standard I am not quite comfortable with

in women's cases, patriarchy

you are not fully a page, Paige

Notes Anyway

- 1. Whites used to know that red and white was pink.
- 2. Paper Dolls was one grand show!