

Janeen Rastall

With the Prick of a Pin

When I was ten,
I created constellations.
I laid mimeographed star maps
over black construction paper,
pushed a straight pin
through every star's heart.
I put a cup over Cassiopeia,
ran a pencil around the rim,
carefully cut the silver circle.
After dark, I taped my stars
to a flashlight's head.
My edited heaven shone
on the sheet
tented between my legs.

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