

climb the narrow stairs

pause and push inside

inside this young school marm is flat

drinking tea

from languid Sunday afternoon till supper

chatting this and that

about old friends and recent movies

she guided him with delicate boredom

around the museum of her mind

appraising politics with naieve familiarity

handling "dope" like a rare vase

and subtly exposing herself

behind a beefy statue of sensitivity

the guest slowly chewing cookies

pondered the implications

of a careless fuck.

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