

# Chickenpinata

a journal of poetry  
issue two



Home  
About Us  
Contact Us  
Guidelines  
Issue One  
IssueTwo  
Support Online Poetry

## Julene Tripp Weaver

### Chevy Impala '60

We drive north  
it's thirty degrees by daylight  
minus ten degrees by midnight  
after temperatures hit zero

Blankets wrapped around us  
the heater in this old Chevy  
stopped working years ago

The driver's side door  
jammed tight  
I crawl over you each rest stop  
crazy in jeans you  
grab my breasts

I your driver  
you legally-blind  
wanted this trip

north  
NYC to the Adirondacks

Your black-albino features  
stark against snow  
hazel-pink eyes

We speed too fast  
skid the plowed highways

Make our way cold  
into colder

The radio won't work  
we'll play living together

A cooler in the trunk  
with eggs and frozen chuck  
a cabin waits  
fires to be built  
icicles to melt



### My Brave Lynx

He says, he has something to ask me.  
*What*, I say, open to anything.  
I think to myself, *This is my man*.  
He pauses, asks, *What if I stop working,*  
*live off the race track for a year?*

*Horse races?* I ask.  
I know how he studies racing charts  
*Exactly.* We stand face to face—  
I see horses in his eyes

New York streets quiet around us  
Sixth Ave, a groomed dirt  
bed, a distant church bell  
chimes across town  
*You think you can do that?*  
Lynx-certain he replies, *I am good at it.*  
Horses come around the curve  
at the base of Manhattan  
*Why not,* I say, *It's your life.*  
His soft lynx arms  
surround me in a hug

We snap back cross Sixth Ave  
after the last horse  
passes the finish line.

*Julene Tripp Weaver is a Seattle transplant from NY where she received her BA in Creative Writing. She writes poetry and creative non fiction. Finishing Line Press published her chapbook Case Walking: An AIDS Case Manager Waits her Blues. Garrison Keillor featured a poem from her chapbook on The Writer's Almanac. Her poems are published in many journals including Main Street Rag, The Healing Muse, Knock, Arabesques Review, Nerve Cowboy, Arnazella, Crab Creek Review, Pilgrimage, and Letters to the World: Poems from the Wom-Po LISTSERV.*

[Home](#)  
[Issue Two](#)

All rights reserved.