

# Janene Sixteen

*Cathy Comenas*

The two of us off  
the side of the road  
marina del rays rocky coastline

The first minutes of silence  
then crashing of champagne  
against our brains

We talk about our lives  
Janene sixteen wanting to be  
twenty five  
eyes meet, lips linger tasting  
of ocean and champagne

I like men too  
she tells me  
my hand barely holds me up  
men are fleas that bite me  
when I lie on the sand

We giggle as we leave love in mid air  
The bottle of champagne comfortable  
in her hand  
I watch the rippling waves beneath  
Janene sixteen

Falling in my lap  
she says lets go someplace warm