

*Karen Mann*

**frank**

frank  
is a friend of mine  
we've never actually  
shared a word.  
it's all done through the eyes.  
i recall  
the first time we met  
he ran like a sissy  
through the square.  
i thought  
i don't like  
people who wear brown belts  
especially yours  
so tattered and worn.  
frank  
must have heard my eyes  
because  
he wrote in the dirt  
fuck you  
with the toe of his shoe.