

Sea Dogs

Darlingside

Sometimes I see things that
Other people don't see and
Sometimes I do not see them

I don't apologize
Anymore I just lace up
My gray sneakers

I can't wake up all the time
Or even half the time or
Even be on time

Now the backyard is thickening
How is it everything
Living will one day die

The dirt is all clean
And the branches are crisscrossing
Everything's sun in my eyes

I can't be there all the time
Or even half the time or
Even tell you the time

When up in the clouds are sea dogs
And kites and big white basketballs
The backyard is thickening
How is it everything
Everything is alive
Alive, alive

Past the woods
And the skokie lagoons
We were half drunk and bulldozing lake Michigan

I was free to choose
Not to be me or you
Who am I ever and ever again

I can't be me all the time
Or even half the time or
Ever make up my mind

When up in the clouds are sea dogs
And kites and big white basketballs
Monsters appearing
In a cottonball line
Everything is alive
Alive, alive