

## **Patti Renner-Tana**

### **BARMAID**

For 2 nights  
I carry my dignity precariously  
on a tiny tray  
serving my smile with ice.  
In this dim timeless zone  
calloused skin strokes my skin  
smells bubble from body holes  
music drums my head.  
I dream of escape  
  
out the door and down the street  
  
to the water's edge  
  
where I am  
  
    pulled gently by the tide  
  
into the sea  
  
    and find myself  
  
on the other side of the moon  
  
    quite at home  
  
plus tips: 6 dollars & 48 cents