

the HARLEQUIN

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The Moon Jellyfish

I am aware I look rich
I am aware she wears nothing

 I mean nothing

 but a sweatshirt kaftan

 down to her knees

aware the edges of her rooms

 are piled with jewellery make-up

 heaps of shoes
 socks

 all tangled with scissors
 batteries

that on every surface boxes
 baskets

 heave
 close to falling

Yes I am aware she cries easily
 won't venture out
 ignores appointments

aware she is helpless
 pitiful
 self-pitying

blames everyone

for this
 sorry mess

 including you
 and me

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