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I Want Out!

by Jeanne Pachaly

Being in the mainstream
one doesn't feel threatened.
Going along with the flow,
finding the right grooves,
gaining approval,
that's the way to go.
Being the mainstream
is being in the majority--
who's right, of course.
Look at their numbers.
When I drift from this path,
people question my actions,
so I return to a more fitting place.
I cannot tread outside the mainstream
for, if I did, I might become ME.