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MAKE LIKE AN ANGEL

The climate of my mind is such
I warn you, don't venture here
without a life jacket, without prayers
and charms correctly blessed,
hanging neat across your coat.
Grope with mittened hands
for a door
(Who knows if there is one?).
No signs say Welcome, Enter,
how about some coffee, eh?
I live so lonely in myself
the walls of me are thin, black ice —
gun slits trained on a wild sea
known to have gobbled beaches
and strangers.

Well, come in, anyway.

Risk it,
Make like an angel.
Hand out poems and great good will —
much as you can spare
for an indigent,
for me.

— *Mildred Riese*

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Someone Has To Live Way The Hell Out Here!

May I Please Have Your Subdivided Attention?

— *Richard Oberbruner*