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## MALCA LITOVITZ

### Cheap Top

Cheap top — twenty-five bucks—  
made me feel great for a summer.

Now even expensive clothes  
leave me the same —  
I can't play with what I wear.

My hands are clasped,  
feet flat on the floor  
like some grade school student  
in Gradgrind's college.

Where did my daring go?

Jarred, rattled, shot down —  
a tube up my nose,  
a bag on my waist,  
an uncertain future.  
Chemicals through my body —  
hair lost —  
no eyebrows, no eyelashes —  
no trace of hair any where.

Music I can't listen to,  
books I can't read,  
files I can't sort.

"Accent the positive," dad used to say.

Dad's gone.  
November is almost gone.

*Malca Litovitz's poetry appears earlier in this volume.*