**Mirror**

I am silver and exact. I have no preconceptions.

What ever you see I swallow immediately

Just as it is, unmisted by love or dislike.

I am not cruel, only truthful---

The eye of a little god, four-cornered.

Most of the time I meditate on the opposite wall.

It is pink, with speckles. I have looked at it so long

I think it is a part of my heart. But it flickers.

Faces and darkness separate us over and over.

Now I am a lake. A woman bends over me,

Searching my reaches for what she really is.

Then she turns to those liars, the candles or the moon.

I see her back, and reflect it faithfully.

She rewards me with tears and an agitation of hands.

I am important to her. She comes and goes.

Each morning it is her face that replaces the darkness.

In me she has drowned a young girl, and in me an old woman

Rises toward her day after day, like a terrible fish.

Sylvia Plath

**Directions:** A persona, from the Latin for mask, is a character taken on by a poet to speak in a first-person poem. These examples of persona poems stretch the idea to speak in the voice of a mirror and in the voice of Elmer Fudd as Spiderman. Read these examples and write a persona poem (a poem in the voice of another person or object) of your own. Try to find a subject that poetry has not yet addressed. Use your writer's license to create vivid details about the speaker.

**Maybe Dats Your Pwoblem Too**

All my pwoblems  
who knows, maybe evwybody's pwoblems  
is due to da fact, due to da awful twuth  
dat I am SPIDERMAN.  
I know. I know. All da dumb jokes:  
No flies on you, ha ha,  
and da ones about what do I do wit all  
doze extwa legs in bed. Well, dat's funny yeah.  
But you twy being  
SPIDERMAN for a month or two. Go ahead.  
  
You get doze cwazy calls fwom da  
Gubbener askin you to twap some booglar who's  
only twying to wip off color T.V. sets.  
Now, what do I cawre about T.V. sets?  
But I pull on da suit, da stinkin suit,  
wit da sucker cups on da fingers,  
and get my wopes and wittle bundle of  
equipment and den I go flying like cwazy  
acwoss da town fwom woof top to woof top.  
  
Till der he is. Some poor dumb color T.V. slob  
and I fall on him and we westle a widdle   
until I get him all woped. So big deal.  
  
You tink when you SPIDERMAN  
der's sometin big going to happen to you.  
Well, I tell you what. It don't happen dat way.  
Nuttin happens. Gubbener calls, I go.  
Bwing him to powice, Gubbener calls again,  
like dat over and over.  
  
I tink I twy sometin diffunt. I tink I twy  
sometin excitin like wacing cawrs. Sometin to make  
my heart beat at a difwent wate.  
But den you just can't quit being sometin like  
SPIDERMAN.  
You SPIDERMAN for life. Fowever. I can't even  
buin my suit. It won't buin. It's fwame wesistent.  
So maybe dat's youwr pwoblem too, who knows.  
Maybe dat's da whole pwoblem wif evwytin.  
Nobody can buin der suits, dey all fwame wesistent.  
Who knows?

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