



# SURREAL POETICS

The resolution of dream and reality into a kind of absolute reality  
... a surreality. (Andre Breton, Manifesto of Surrealism, 1924)

**In poetry, an image must . . .**

**be egg.**

~ Rachel J. Bennett

## "LEVEL WITH A BODY"

This vessel of breaking  
down vesicle vehicle vessel  
of breaking down the moors the cape  
blue the vase valise vessel of  
breaking down wonderful vassal  
and night tonight I can write *the vessel*  
*of breaking down rights itself or*  
*blue or vacillation between well and*  
*not between sense and non between*  
*empty and full the vessel of breaking down or*  
*moon* and then there's neither full  
nor empty but gone no vessel then no  
breaking breakers the sea loosed lost and  
no way of ever knowing it again

## ~ ABOUT THE POET ~

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