## Church, Bel air

A palm tree nodded at me last night He said, "Hey, you look so pale." I don't know if it was the air or the breeze in my hair I had a feeling I had failed So down to the beach just out of reach The moon was being trailed A girl and a sailor and a hot dog trailer That's their holy grail The sand whispered heat and burned the feet Of gulls landing on the shore In the motel pool the waitress cools She doesn't ask for more She makes a wish she takes a risk She opens up her door Through human eyes she's a dolphin in disguise It's the last night of the war Somewhere far away there's another day And someone's getting out of bed She puts on her face in the morning space She doesn't know she's dead Her ruby lips can't excite me anymore And pain sprawls on the chair, it's always there And he descends the stairs, he doesn't see The sunburnt landlord glares, for all the people He can never be