

C O M M E N T A R Y

on remarks of Cornelia Schwarz

*'Irregardless. Most modern artists
are performers not creators' --
You are a former basketball player
Who fiddles while ash falls and starts
Talking immediately you open your eyes.
That's unnerving as broad daylight.*

*'I move naturally and gracefully
in ways above suspicion and so
I departed mysteriously in an aura
of hallway whispers' -- To work, make
Coffee, mix talk with silence, sleep in a dream
Whose windows can stand up to your paintings.*

*'My preoccupation has been in achieving
a more perfectly coordinated control
of snow' -- And a maniac in the City of Dwarfs
And Lunatics wears blue and laughs like it hurts
Or looks up at the sky and says WHEE!
As people leave each bench she moves to.*

*'A blind Santa Claus like the ones
that stand on street corners ringing a bell' --
For all those who have little choice
And know or guess it: colored people,
People with birthmarks, lovers, all of us
Who paint or write music or just write.*

-- Michael Lebeck

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