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## Michele McDannold: Two Poems

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### And now she goes by some other name

trina was the skinniest girl i had ever seen  
hip bones sticking out  
pale,  
yellowish skin and terrible hair  
but she had a kindness  
and mystical way about her  
that was captivating

for a while  
she was wiccan  
a couple times  
a Buddhist  
and always  
with the tarot cards

she took me to my first  
rocky horror show  
we formed a coven  
the boys brought flowers  
mowed the lawn  
wrote poems  
sketches,  
long into the night  
acid trips in the park  
and no need  
for explanations

the worst and most harmful  
was the multiple personality disorder  
i never did buy it

it didn't really matter though  
after the third abortion  
when she told me,  
"i went into the bathroom  
when he was done.  
took the condom out of the trash  
and shoved it up there."

one could fairly say  
her mind broke then  
in some abortion clinic  
out west  
where he held her hand  
watching the light fade  
right out of her.

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## lolz

it's not my fault  
i was born into  
a redneck town  
that hates niggers  
and hides the innocence  
of children  
under a riverbed

poor, in a trailer  
at a relative's  
passed around  
from one abuse  
to the next

when you learn certain things  
too early  
it fucks your head

but i am not your victim  
sorry, diet fads  
sorry, dr phil

the funniest thing i ever heard  
at a poetry reading  
was a rape poem

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i expect neither of us  
needs to apologize

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