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Feel my femininity shiver
Like my car when the bass drops.
Unconventional Woman—
Unconventional Me!

My jeans are as dirty
As my thoughts
Unconventional Woman—
Unconventional Me!

Raise your hand to me
and I will raise my fist
Unconventional Woman—
Unconventional Me!

Wanting Independence, Presidency,
and to become everything a woman isn’t supposed to be
Unconventional Woman—
Unconventional Me!

The same job—more pay
Wanting to set the standards for men.
Unconventional Woman—
Unconventional Me!

Shirley Temple?
No! Pour me some ale.
Unconventional Woman—
Unconventional Me!

Strip me of all of my womanly parts
Just don’t add any extremities!
Unconventional Woman—
Unconventional Me!

Building bridges
and ripping down walls.
Unconventional Woman—
Unconventional Me!
It’s a blessing, you know
To be unconventional me
Misunderstood, yet admired
Not afraid to put on make-up or play in the mud
Finding a middle ground, indeed
The love in my heart, determination in my mind,
and seed of life in my womb will show—
This Unconventional Woman—
Unconventional Me!

build bigger barriers
stefani rubino

after years of Catholic school education,
i still cannot escape “God.”
he follows me everywhere i go.
to work, to school,
and into my favorite works of Literature and Philosophy.
i am trying, “Lord” am i trying, to run away
from “Him” or, at least, the idea of “Him”
so i don’t turn into one of those people who follows
“Him” blindly into the horrors of war,
who forgets to live life because i am so concerned with
what happens afterward,
who uses “His” name as a justification to torture, rape,
and kill whole continents of people whose only
crime was failing to build barriers big
enough to keep the white men
OUT.