

## **Cindy Hochman** – Three Poems

### **Leaving the Light On For You**

Because you're a poet  
and I'm a poet  
our mouths can meet  
at the edge of the crease  
between stanzas  
at the last-gasp motel

### **Surreal Honeymooners Poem**

Do you remember that old joke:  
*Last night I dreamed I was eating  
a giant marshmallow, and when I  
woke up, my pillow was gone?*  
Well, last night I saw a blubbery moon  
from behind my sheer white curtains  
that held my imagination 'til  
midnight, and I dreamed I was  
Ralph Kramden, driving a  
New York City bus  
into the sky.

### **I Am the Girl** (travel version)

I am the girl with the *bon voyage* eyes  
I am the girl who is waving goodbye  
I am the girl with the contraband in her backpack  
I am the girl who won't take off her shoes  
I am the girl who put the tower in your Eiffel  
I am the girl who put the Cockney in your bollocks  
I am the girl with Stockholm syndrome  
I am the girl who sold you that bridge  
I am the girl who prays for Ukraine  
I am the girl with a boatload of baggage  
I am the girl who never leaves home without it  
I am the girl who never goes very far

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