26th Floor

Day after day Writing poems Facing windy mornings From a concrete balcony On the 26th floor

You came along Washed out bones A hand full of dust Sniffing nights away From behind watery eyes

You came along. Pale butterfly With pages of questions On where the sun lives Where seasons go at night

Day after day Lying on pink cushions Breathing deep by the balcony Waiting for dazzling judgements On virgin poems never written

You were younger then I was too In the indigo night Waiting for the ceiling to collapse On our dried out brains.

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Policy Machine

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Twirling Twilight heaven's Doom spiralling backwards M.E.¹ plume, "Ich bin Nicht" dead Goose step leather shed in cockpit sun; Red That stains my very mind, Sights set the ground to find, Skin burns and blood spurts engine yurns to find it's turn. The land has formed like clay on wheel, face I see where children play The eyes are wet Where I yell.

¹ Messerschmitt 109 single seater fighter World War II used by Germany

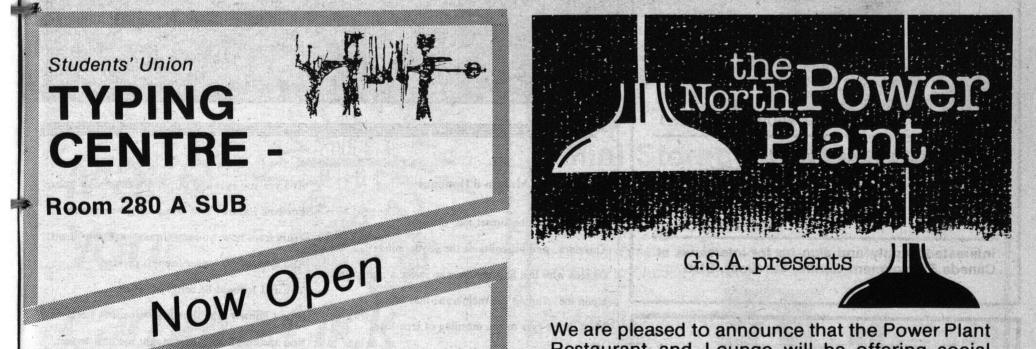
Ricka Scheie

One Afternoon

The steam rose from her open mouth as all the words she wanted to say froze in her throat and floated away in the winter air. In the silence that followed his request she scrutinized his bowed head and his painfully thin body as it leaned forward in hopeful anticipation. Perceiving his almost worshipful stance, she wondered how he would take it if he knew how violently she despised him. So she paused, her mouth hanging and her ideas condensing in a steamy fog around her face as she valiantly searched for a way to break the news gently. Her annoyance increased as she realize with mounting apprehension that there was nothing she could say that would not hurt his feelings. He would cry, or scream, she felt positive he would stop at no ends to exact what he wanted from her. Perhaps he would threaten her life.

"I despise you violently," she announced, pleased with herself for having solved the problem in the mirc of danger. His eyes turned to her face and stared for a moment in bewilderment, then he turned and trudged off in quest of a magazine stand that would sell him a paper.

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