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## Farewelling at the Municipal Airport

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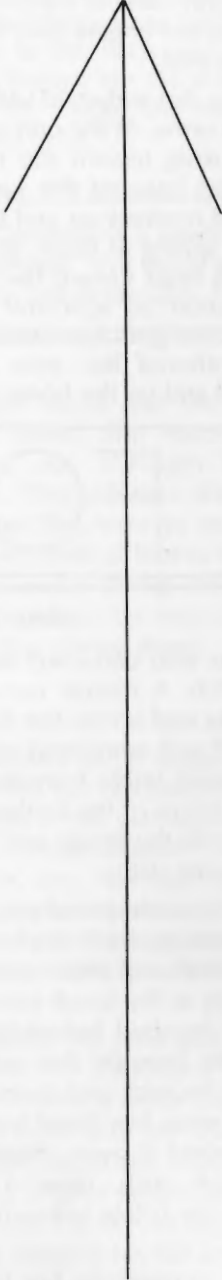
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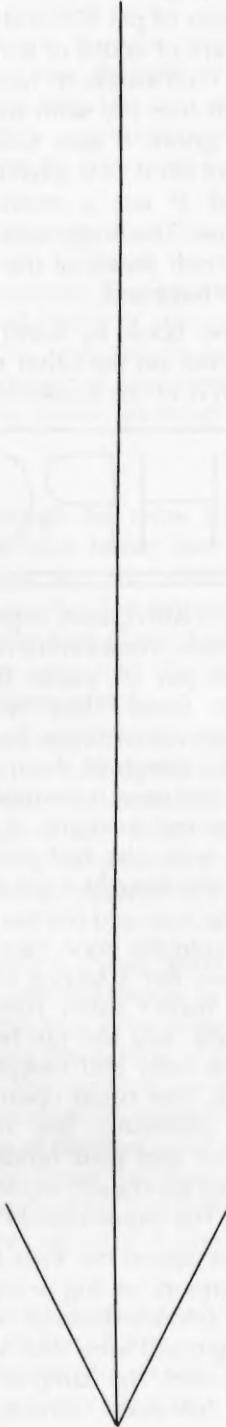
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Farewelling  
at the Municipal Airport  
by Jenifer Rank

This route has been memorized both ways,  
spends it seems, half my day  
kissing and crying  
watching you leave.  
Runway is so long and painful,  
flying arms in noisy gestures,  
until finally  
you leave the land  
flown further into the blues.  
From the ground, I watch you vanish.  
Up with the birds,  
do I look like an ant?  
The spot gets smaller,  
only a departure for now.  
Tiny drops of snow  
reach onto the tongues of winter.  
The sun reaches us at different hours.  
In north south directions  
a correspondence, and with time,  
even the stamps will disappear.



Jenifer Rank is a junior in high school who usually writes poetry. Her favorite poet is Richard Brautigan. "To remain alive, we must have our meaningful irrational beliefs. They sustain us many a time when our clever, logical, reasoned criteria let us down."