

Fall 2014

On the ferry to Seattle

Naomi Lore

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.umt.edu/cutbank>



Part of the [Creative Writing Commons](#)

Let us know how access to this document benefits you.

Recommended Citation

Lore, Naomi (2014) "On the ferry to Seattle," *CutBank*: Vol. 1 : Iss. 81 , Article 6.

Available at: <https://scholarworks.umt.edu/cutbank/vol1/iss81/6>

This Poetry is brought to you for free and open access by ScholarWorks at University of Montana. It has been accepted for inclusion in CutBank by an authorized editor of ScholarWorks at University of Montana. For more information, please contact scholarworks@mso.umt.edu.

NAOMI LORE

ON THE FERRY TO SEATTLE

Fishermen, their heads of hair like fire-blankets,
shovel ice on the morning catch.

They look back with the same
pair of liquid black eyes;

the same pair of rubber boots
that shake the planks beneath me.

I wonder if I've been away
too long, this time.

You forget how to field
a lingering smile.

It is as though a stranger's
touch might sever

you on a fault-line—
split you right up the middle.