

3 Secrets

I taste her ink
watching her movements

repeat
as if she were adorned

jaws shut to draw
a shiver—

.....

us

harmless wild saints:

I believe,

A little

.....

lost

But

ladylike

her cuffs
her liberties
her lips

tied up
and
ladylike.

ABOUT THE POEM & AUTHOR

M. A. Scott's "3 Secrets" is an erasure of Chapter 14, "Secrets," of *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott (1868/9).

About the poem and its composition M. A. Scott says:

"'3 Secrets' is a kind of compressed erasure, generated from Chapter 14 of *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. My process was to loosely scan the chapter for interesting words or phrases that would trigger a direction for the poem. I then went back through the text treating it as a word search puzzle to string together new meaning across the pages. This poem is part of an ongoing project of found poems using books I read decades ago as source material."

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