

BindingShoes (China) 463#

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we are often convinced
by the enormity of burdens
yet in these shoes
it is the slightness of scale
that hurts the most

TAURA SCOTT

cruel shoes
like tight irons
bound to you
my heart knows better
my soul is free

NORA DEMUTH

Rocket Jets

Swift-winged bats
Chirp and swoop
Turning my heels
Into rocket jets.

I may not be able
To run or dance,
But Lord,
Can I fly.



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