

TIME FOR THE BEACH

TONI SCORSESE

a woman at the beach today
on picnic with Mary-Jane
flipped at the sand in her hair

rolling gusts carried by white caps
pushed cigar smoke to thoughts
of prance in decades past

brash in skin now loosened by age
she wore a bathing-skirt and pasties
with lack of modesty or awareness

punctuated by a flash off the pipe
and unabashed, she exhaled
*a little too cold for the shore this day
but never too old*

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