

Karen: An Inventory of Being

I have a low tolerance for the tolerance of stupidity
Ignorance is tolerable, but stupidity shouldn't be.
I think bad manners should be illegal.
Not really, but they will always bother me.

I'm so happy that I had a great love.
But I'm sad that it's all I might have.
I love God with all my heart and soul and being
And I know He loves me too.

I like to work and be useful
But I like to vegetate too.
I hate The Bachelor but like The Bachelorette
But I hate that I don't hate both of them.

I would like to be rich
But I'm afraid of who I might become.
I like to think and daydream and write everything down.
I am honest to a fault. I worry, but I shouldn't.

I want peace and kindness
Listening is something I do well.
I wonder if I could save someone's life.
I like to be alone but loneliness can sneak up on me.

People worry me
And bother me
And entertain me
And I need them.

I like to feel like a girl
But I don't.
I want to be in love soon
But I don't want people to know that.

I feel old and young.
I don't know how pretty or ugly I am because I'm distorted in my mind's eye.
I have email and Internet OCD.
I am organized, neat and clean and hold grudges.

I've never understood the question, "Where do you see yourself in five or ten years?"
Because I've never wanted to know.
I am routined and crave security
But I am restless and unsettled. I like surprises.

I think greed is the deadliest of all sins
And will end the world someday.
I hope I'm not here to see it.
I hope Austin and his children aren't either.

The things that have hurt me most are the things I remember most.
That's probably both good and bad.
I am faithful and loyal.
I am bored. And grateful.

Cell phones concern me.
I love cake. And accents.
I love candles on cakes. And toddlers.
I like steak, but I wish I were vegetarian.

If nothing was an object, I'd go to Germany,
And the California coast, and Norway,
And Tuscany in the fall, and Newfoundland
And home.

I am funny
Mostly when I'm being serious.
I like to read
But I watch too much television.

I dream of travel
But I hate airplanes and crowded places.
I miss some friends
But not the others.

I like challenges that are not too hard.
I heard the term "mental recession" the other day
And wish I had thought of it.
I love LOVE of any kind.

I'm still getting to know me
Some I like, some I don't.
My name is Karen
And it is 2008.