

Places Named Off Limits

every now and then
the little me inside my head
wanders to places named off limits
I scream and cry and beg her
“please stay within the walls”
but cautiously she stands beside them
curiosity consuming conscious
even when she knows what hides behind
“I built these walls to protect me” I plead
broken bits of brick fall before her feet
she is brave, much braver than I
as she takes a step over the bits
over the brick
and over the wall she goes