

DANAE MATTES

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Clay, Paper, and Pigment on Canvas, 66 x 65 in



COURTESY DOLBY CHADWICK GALLERY

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Here be Dragons

I'm not done with the compass
& I'm still puzzling over the chart
all those squiggles and numbers
sea monsters prowling the depths
devouring ships serpent tusked whale
horsefish finned rhinoceros these
were my lovers these what dragged
me down what I wanted to be taken
to the underwater cities sirens
goatfish sphinxes whores I drank
in the taverns with pirates howler
monkeys my sea captain ancestors my
sozzled staggering fathers & returned
but not to any harbor only the curved
surface I sailed on

Kim Addonizio is the author of five poetry collections, most recently *Lucifer at the Starlite* (W.W. Norton, 2009). Her story collection, *The Palace of Illusions*, is forthcoming from Counterpoint/Soft Skull. She is currently working on a CD to accompany her new project, *My Black Angel: Blues Poems & Portraits*.