

*speaking apart, I hear my voice run on
in the red heart of an ear, an ear coils round me
disturb the text: you don't disturb the world*

*this train is inserted across England, its country
get a sense of history of history*

I found some change in my trouser pocket, like

a man.

*the eyes of the girls are awash with violets
pansies are flowering under their tongues
they are grouped by the edge of the waves, and
are anxious to swim;
each one is on fire with passion to achieve herself.*

*wonderful light
viridian summers
deft boys
no thanks*

Note

Denise Riley has written *Marxism for Infants* (1977), and with Wendy Mulford *No Fee: A Line or Two for Free and Some Poems 1968–1978*, published by Street Editions. She is author of *War in the Nursery* (1983), Virago Press, who will shortly be publishing her *The Cloud Rose: Selected Poems*.

The above selection includes work from *No fee* (1979) and the *Grosseteste Review* (1982).