

i wrote em over a coupla trips on the 4 subway thru the bronx into harlem and into manhattan. at every stop i would write a little poem about whatever the cargo

*Eleven Stops*

Woodlawn

Bronx girls squawk cross aisle  
Eyes downdrawn at thumbphones (sing ringtones)  
Shoulder sultry-sway internal songbreaks  
When they run out of words

*Mosholu Pkway*

Pop swig UP husband haggard homeward  
Asbestos ash slathered hatbrim (red bent B)  
Afternoon move shadows flag flame him  
In-squint at wheel screech-- say, I SEE

*Kingsbridge Rd*

She-feet crossed (that cross) knock  
Sockless clomp in black flats  
Kicking knuckles of the under  
Staid workskirt ruffle secretary  
One more wordless yearner  
Halfway to Harlem

*Fortham Rd*

Vibrato yaw-w-w-w-w-n  
Hands crossed lodged armpits  
(This bed bobbles)

183<sup>rd</sup>

Bada and/or boom bigman badger  
Solo strides downaisle either side seats  
Blatantly *taken* . . . . . humps *humph*,  
Palms splitdoors OPEN (*shkkk*) & gone

*Burnside Ave*

Teal plastic beads  
Seat kneel revealing  
Puerto Rican cleavage  
(Immortalize her secretly)  
Gumsnap teen queenie  
Cream beemine dreamboat  
Sneering sweetly  
Past me

176<sup>th</sup>

Hardseat SAT aside  
Cellphone half-Spanish  
"I love you, goodbye" (no emotion)  
*Clap*, pursed

170<sup>th</sup>

Bumblebee cottoncoat backturned  
Handclapped to standpole  
Ears stopped speakers  
(Lost in inner video)

- 149<sup>th</sup> Grand Concourse

Bandanna'd baggy  
Gang (real) member red  
Wrinkle tee to kneecap  
Glare needless, unheeded

Hanging on hard as all the others

*86<sup>th</sup> (TRANSFER TO M, LAGUARDIA)*

Granny glance giftware catalogue  
Garish glazed pages  
Fewflips and rolled bullhorn into grocery bag  
Fold napkinhands, catch a nap  
(in LOUD-- clappers snapping fast)

*59<sup>th</sup> (TRANSFER TO 6 THANKGOD EXPRESS)*

Eschew bag to thankyew  
Crammed to backs and asses  
Lust to num dreadlocks in lips  
As she bends to peruse paperback  
(scoots as soon as possible)

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