



## Letters from Limbo

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Jeanne Marie Beaumont writes the sort of poetry that causes page-turning hands a split second of hesitation—oh, lord, what will we face next? *Limbo*, in these pages, has physical borders and a ministry of culture where Beaumont issues visas for the length of time it takes to both forgive and forget the self. The author of three previous collections, she has taught at Rutgers University, the 92nd Street Y in Manhattan, and the University of Southern Maine.

*A rag of colts, a clowder of cats*

extremely destructive  
of clothing, she burst out  
of her camisole

to give an enema  
required the assistance  
of five nurses

in her menstrual cycle,  
the flow is not profuse  
there are no clots

will not stay in bed  
pounds on the door, seems to be  
in mental distress

when not under  
an opiate  
whirls most of the time

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