

## Yellow Taffeta

*Burst from the arcade  
Double braided raven tails  
Bound in canary silk  
Patent leather saddles*

*In my own world  
Gelato and sunshine  
I am proximate her parents  
I am imprinted forever*

*Arms outstretched across the causeway  
Hands cupped and eyes ablaze  
A wave of joy arrives  
Declaring to her parents*

*“Father- Mother- look at all that I have won!”  
“Very nice dearest”  
I do not speak Mandarin  
-I know just the same-*

*Their response does not  
Diminish her tide of joy  
Oblivious to it all  
A new world is hers alone*

*Some fifteen years ago  
Would place her now  
One score and five  
Perhaps herself a mother*

*I have returned here  
I am two score and ten  
Gelato and sunshine  
My moment alone to remember*

*Never miss the opportunity  
Respond with joy in measure  
When you are brought  
The equal worth  
Of yourself in treasure*