

## **Foreword Review**

## **Tell This to the Universe**

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In whatever she does on the page, Katie Prince practices a subtle, omnipresent cadence of syllables so physically pleasing as to cause a blush. Linguistics, science fiction, philosophy, grief—polymathematician at ease—in this debut collection, she wants you to walk away a wiser reader. An MFA grad from North Carolina, Wilmington, her work has appeared in *New South*, *Fugue*, *Poetry Northwest*, and other journals.

DRINKING ON THE PORCH WITH A FELLOW RECLUSE after Li Po

we drink as dusk shrinks to dark, the bushes buzz, mosquitos hum. azalea blossoms to the right, fallen and trampled by wildlife: squirrels, a small dog. we laugh, lights blur. skeletons sway in the breeze. I fall into thought, wander off. you don't even hear me leave.

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