

## Cindy Hochman – Four Poems



### Featured Poet

#### **I Am Not the Girl**

*inspired by the girl in Karen Neuberger's museum series collages*

I am not the girl with the golden tattoo  
I am not the museum girl, the museum girl  
I am not the girl with the curlicue coat  
I am not the harlequin girl  
I have not been the “It Girl” in a very long time  
I am not the girl with snakes in her hair  
I am not the girl with her head in the sand  
I am not the green girl, the green girl  
I am not the girl with the thumb in her eye  
I am not the graveyard girl

#### **I Am Not the Girl**

*for Bob Heman*

I am not the girl with the misinformation  
I am not the girl with the prose up her nose  
I am not the girl with the roadmap and compass  
I am not the girl with the ruler and scale  
I am not the girl whose chair doesn't fit  
I am not the girl with the isosceles triangle  
I am not the girl with the barnyard collage  
I am not the girl with the canoe and the paddle  
I am not the girl with the red panda socks  
I am not the girl with the bear in her bed

## **I Am the Girl**

*for Mindy Levokove*

I am the girl with the do-si-do hips  
I am the girl with the tangerine tango  
I am the girl with the pirouette and pli e  
I am the girl with the Bolshoi Ballet  
I am the girl with the bleeding toes  
I am the girl with the low limbo bar  
I am the girl with the *Hava Nagila*  
I am the girl with the witch in the circle  
I am the girl with the ring around her rosy  
I am the girl with the treasonous feet

## **I Am the Girl**

I am the girl with the chutes and ladders  
I am the girl with the whistles and bells  
I am the girl with the hems and the haws  
I am the girl who breaks all the laws  
I am the girl who lives down the lane  
I am the girl who never takes the blame  
I am the girl who cannot be tamed  
I am the girl with her finger in the dike  
I am the girl who invades your wet dreams  
I am the girl with the good alibi  
I am the girl who can never tell a lie

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