

“My Black Boyfriend Boards the Plane”

I make a list a sky-high mile long
of all the things that could go wrong
during the next 96 minutes.

The irony is not lost on me
when I wish him a safe flight.

As if seat B8
is the most dangerous place he'll be today.

As if subjecting himself to the possibility of a plane crash
is the greatest risk he'll take today.

As if he is any safer
once he lands.

Perhaps
our fears are a little different.

Perhaps
35-thousand feet in the air
is the safest place for him.

-Abby Taylor