

TWO POEMS BY RIEMKE ENSING

Thank You for the Card, Robin (Kearns)

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Nijinsky arrived & I thought Isadora
but it was the slave circa 1910
shot by Hoppé. The stamp was Canadian
showing a wood stove / poète à bois
and certainly a poem and heritage
to warm winter in Ontario / the light
as feather gown splendid & loose
for riotous summer, here.

Northern Building Society Office Showing
Police Headquarters, Auckland

If I told you corner of Grey
and Mayoral Drive just opposite
the *Carpenters Arms* and left
of Cook street where the markets are
you'd still have no idea
how this building shapes
itself squarely and not too tall
in the lee of the nineteenth century
tower telling you it's three o'clock
and the fountain tumbles over the green
copper slate brighter than summer
pollard showing off in the mirror
glass.
The only worry is the way
the sun reflects what you don't want
to see this blue day —
a concrete cloud.