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## Two Poems by Lois Greene Stone

### Sound Barrier

I heard Robert Frost recite  
his own poetry. College  
convocation; auditorium  
filled. He should not have  
spoken. He sounded as if  
he'd had too many miles  
without a course in oral  
interpretation. Those  
snapshots he offered in  
verse were delivered as  
bad sounds. Now, decades  
later, his allotted miles  
traveled before quiet  
of death are completed  
and mine are fewer ahead  
than what's been. Yet  
his poetic picture is  
still distorted from his  
presence, long ago,  
at a college convocation.

### Invisible

Though pavement pulsates  
from heavy heat,  
and empty cups, once confining  
Italian ices, appear curbside,  
I enjoy sunshine glinting off  
buildings' frameworks,  
Open umbrellas poke through  
circular tables in area  
skaters' blades glide in winter.  
In confines of a cool  
store's dressing room, I stare  
at formal gardens above  
Rockefeller Center's complex;  
from the street this  
refuge is invisible. Pigeons  
loiter on air conditioning  
cylinders greenish with age.  
Like me, now... no longer  
resident; only my youth is native.  
The ache to return is  
camouflaged with feelings:  
invisible.

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**Lois Greene Stone**, writer and poet, has been syndicated worldwide. Poetry and personal essays have been included in hard & softcover book anthologies. Collections of her personal items/ photos/ memorabilia are in major museums including twelve different divisions of The Smithsonian.

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