

POETRY

Nesting Dolls Against Dichotomies of All Sorts

...for each tool as an extension of the body, is also a kind of protest against the limits of the natural body.

—Joel Kovel

The first is rent-come-due, loans,
And loans.
The fifth is phone bill
The tenth is Cap One
The ides is Southwest card.
Utilities the end of the month,
And water, and
Waste.

Turducken for breakfast,
turducken for dinner, a disaster
becomes a superdisaster—
a fund, a superfund

an American poet declares her solitude

(aleness)

a cog freewheels through time and space

(broken-ness)

a spider spins a doomed hypotenuse between side-mirror and car door

(web-less)

Oh, trajectory. Failed connection.
The holding of children.

The holding of children. Individually

hand, hand
eyes

hold

hold

Biologically.

Women: are you pregnant?
Check yes or no

Men: have you been abducted by aliens?

Check yes or no

I was designed
to delude myself.

outer/inner
spinner

spinner

I am wired
with a delusional
switch to help me
deal

— **Ellen Welcker**