

BRIAN WALKER

A PORTRAIT IN WATER

Young macho male with his  
big expensive sportscar stalled,  
radiator dry

Practical girlfriend  
patiently watching while he  
tinkers and guesses

Water provided  
he does not want to accept  
though it's free

Likewise proudly he  
refuses antifreeze – he'll  
go buy some later

She quietly winks  
at the samaritan and tries  
not to smile aloud

Her traditional  
demure smile half-concealed –  
and knowing eyes

As they drive away  
she lets him limp along first,  
turns to wink and wave.