

**Faces, B.C.E.**

Immutable stone  
steatite, limestone  
sandstone, granite.  
Anthropomorphic  
zoomorphic  
inert minerals.  
Human hands  
worked you  
into aesthetic  
definable shapes  
aeons ago.

Your  
bland fierce asexual  
visages  
confront me  
the inheritor  
of art pre-historical  
my steps silently  
plodding  
through stone corridors  
of stone buildings  
erected to house  
stone artifacts.

Meant to outlast  
your creators  
you yet live  
in a mythic  
skin-itching way.  
I look on you  
and you look  
right through me.

—*Rita Rosenfeld*