

## The Muse

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One of the course texts for MAIS 621 is Kim Stafford's *The Muses Among Us*. It made me think about how very useful a muse could be, and maybe I should make myself more available.

### **The Muse**

He could come riding up Church Hill  
On a white horse  
But then I'd probably be  
Out, getting a perm—of course.

Or, maybe sail into Sooke Basin  
On a shrimp boat  
When I was at Costco, eating  
Ice cream in the parking lot.

He might drive up to my place  
At number thirty  
On the very day  
I'd flown to Maui.

Or, maybe come in a stretch limo  
Ready to inspire me  
While I was down at Whiffin Spit  
Watching whales—for free.

Ah, finally, my neighbour saw him walking  
Away from my door, and said:  
"He was whistling as he left,  
It sounded like Cold Play's  
*I Will Fix You.*"