

## MY HOUSTONIAN PEGASUS

The METRO

Is my speeding Pegasus - on tires.  
He is always there for me,  
Carrying me around my enchanting city,  
Getting me acquainted with my Houstonian home.  
With his swift routes and cushioned seats,  
I fly safely to my haven.

It's a hot burning day,  
With sleek cars racing by,  
Blowing dreamy breezes into my face.  
Sweat drips down my neck as  
My shirt sticks against my chest.  
I sigh and wipe my brows,  
Searching for that mighty beast.

Roaring with a rumbling blast,  
Bellowing louder than the others,  
He glides up, dripping grease as he slows,  
A wheezy whinny directed at my weary face.

I climb on with careful grace,  
And inhale the cloaked scent  
Of awaiting adventures and new sights  
Waiting for me  
Under the glimmer of the charming city's lights.

I wave my magic ticket against the scanner,  
A successful buzz, and I pocket my bright orange Q-card.

Prancing towards the empty blue saddles in the back,  
I nod at my fellow riders, half-asleep under his cover.

I collapse into a silky blue seat  
The cool wafts of his air  
Invigorating my exhausted self  
And relax  
Watching as H-Town unfurls its secrets.

Baby palms blooming, large mansions looming,  
Overgrown weeds and unbudded seeds,  
Shabby stores and crooked doors.  
Towering hotels, resounding church bells  
Vivid murals on store sides, a silky crow above glides.

Children playing ball as summer petals fall.  
Mother and Daughter laugh, almost bent in half,  
Old man giving his cats the most adorable pats,  
Fathers strolling towards work- all heavy belt buckle and macho smirk-  
And me-I take it all in with a wide, hopeful grin.

All too soon it ends,  
As Pegasus gallops to my stop.  
I stand on shaky legs and find my way out,  
Murmuring a soft 'Thank you,'  
Because the ride has made me feel powerful.

Then the ground trembles as he leaves,  
With rumbling vibrations and roaring squeals,  
Thundering away to continue his journey,  
With a breath of Houston heat and motor oil,

Leaving me grateful and satiated,  
Until next time.