

*Throughout the semester, Amanda has shown an intensity and awareness of her poetry that makes her a true professional. During sessions, I often felt as though she became the tutor and I the learner. She was extremely engaged and active in the revision process and gave me a greater understanding of the complexity of poetry. One of her goals was making her poems more accessible and less complex to her readers, and I feel that we achieved that while still maintaining the deeper, underlying themes and connections of her work.*

*~Stefanie Johnson, Tutor*

**Van for Sale**  
By Amanda Maule

He wants to sell me his van  
for the low, low price of a sneeze.  
This incredible offer only available  
today as he lives just two blocks away.  
The test drive is uncomfortable

more because of his victim speech  
than the stench of gas or cigarettes  
that turn my stomach and confuse me.  
Four times it took to start it up.  
That is, the ignition on the van

not the lamenting of the man about  
being barred from parks and shopping malls  
and forced into class on healthy relationships.  
This man seems to be more cracked  
than the rear shocks that bounce his  
worldly possessions into a giant knot.