

MEREDITH QUARTERMAIN

CANADA RAIL

Road command: Fish these Lakes!
to Un time's forever.

Brace Lake. Ara Lake. Meta Lake.
Metabolic metalific.
Met a woman with seven mates
as I was going to St. H
each mate had seven cranes
each crane had seven maintrains
each maintrain had seven barricades;
what was she building in St. H?

Lakes of inside-out land
Nakima LCBO flies past
making dollars and cents
making doll-overs centipede
dollops of sensible
dealers and sellable.

Lost 77-year-old man opened door
to the Un-world, unlocked, unbolted Canada
between Copelands Landing and Red Lake Road,
headed off train in the wee hours to Insideout.
Off. To Unbuyable.

Caregiver waiting now, hoping now,
in Sioux Lookout
while we wind through long shadows
of windblown spindly northern Ontario pine
one usless us under blue.