

# HOW TO GO TWELFTH

*for Valentina Tereshkova*

Know your place, a woman's place,  
eleven paces behind the men  
who lead the way.

Know your duty, know how to shine  
without ever diminishing  
what they did.

Orbit the Earth forty-eight times,  
alone, your stomach queasy,  
but that view—

that vast untrammelled revelation—  
as unequalled, as uneclipsed  
as you yourself.

—Mary Soon Lee

