

# I'd Like To Meet Her

by Catherine Khaperska

I'd like to meet her  
She who is the gentle waves  
That, given the power  
Are bound to crash against the shore  
She who controls the tides  
She whose dreams are just within reach  
If she took but just one step

I'd like to sit her down at a table  
In a quaint little cafe  
And listen to her gush and ramble  
About her hopes  
Desires, loves, aspirations, and interests

I'd like to hold her hand and tell her that she is strong and capable  
Her brain is a marvel  
The road before her clears of weeds  
And dries of mud  
Her future is her own  
I'd like for her to know that

I'd like to look her in the eyes and see the stars  
Her vision going further than she ever thought she could take part  
I'd like for her to realise  
The true power of an ambitious girl's mind

I'd like to see her flourish  
I'd like to see her succeed, fulfill  
Her every need  
And stand on top of the world with a smile

I'd like to meet her, one day, and ask her  
"Do you understand what I'm saying?"  
Take a second, breathe it in  
If you don't believe me  
I'll read this poem  
To you  
Again"

**Catherine Khaperska** (she/her) is a poet and novelist from Halifax, Nova Scotia. Her poetry features themes of transformation, hope and ambition, and her novels for young adults (mostly in the fantasy genre) include themes of family, love, and resilience. Her debut novel *Scarred* was published in early 2023 and its sequel *Scattered* was published in late 2024.