

Decorative Handicrafts

Jeffrey R. Paine

(Originally appeared in my 2003 chapbook; revised 2020.)

"I hanged three angels over the weekend,"
Said the woman's cheerful voice,
bragging of her accomplishment.
So Brash!

I wondered what possible offense
an angel could commit
to deserve capital punishment
at her hands...

Angelicide? Dove Rustling?
Smuggling Ambrosia Across Heavenly Borders?
Immoral acts with underage Cherubim?

She sounded like
she was planning to hang more,
In a window!
At a store!

HAS SHE NO SHAME? I wondered.

I don't think she'll
get away with it for long...
After all,

SOMEONE

Is bound to notice...