Invincible

by Roshni Beeharry

**I think of the little girl**

**who will wear this spinal**

**jacket, its candy pink hardness**

**coated with butterflies**

**forcing her kyphotic spine**

**in to conformity.**

**Clasped between its two halves,**

**like a turtle shell**

**it will keep her protected**

**from the taunts of others-**

***Cripple! Hunchback!***

**These names will bounce off**

**her new suit of armour,**

**like ricocheting bullets.**

**Inside, she starts to grow,**

**straightens like a sapling**

**seeking the sun.**

**She begins to feel**

**Invincible.**

*Biography*

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