

You Like to Fly at Night. . .

-NADINE CHAPMAN

You like to fly at night the calmest time and cool no threat of thermals downdrafts

For you the elements connect at angles far above the earth Despite motion sickness fear of heights I must scope the North Sky night dance with you across a floorless stage

A midnight sun blazes over the Alaska Range At cruising altitude we burst onto the Yukon Basin Double vision In your face joy fractures fear and carries me away

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