

Naked I Come, Naked I Go

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For Ai

I take off my favorite antique Navajo turquoise
Pull off my red cashmere sweater
Wiggle out of my black leather jeans, Lord, they've been tight!

I wipe off my kohl eye shadow and plum lip gloss
I free my hair from my mother-of-pearl comb
I put on my original face

Walk away from my small rented prairie house
I climb into my last yellow taxi
Oh trusted pony, take me home!