

[Lightning Strikes the Dressing Room](#) [1]

May 6, 2019 [Featured Poetry](#) [2]

[Disabled Poets Take on...](#) [3]

Poetry by Michael Morell



Lightning Strikes the Dressing Room

I grab a pair of pants, try them on
and finger the waistband for give.
I'm a fish flopping on a cold, hard floor,
the *Incredible Mr. Limpet* who can't find his feet.

The pants fit and don't fit.

Lightning Strikes the Dressing Room

Published on Talking Writing (<https://mail.talkingwriting.com>)

I buy them, but they are not yet mine
until I do my thing, go to the place
I call home, take a tape measure

and old medicine bottle full of pins
then make my worldly mark.
Half the material will soon be cut away.
Imagine buying a bottle of beer

and dumping half out. It makes me shudder.
I picture the seamstress stifling a smile
when she sees me entering the store.
I'm her sugar daddy. The dwarf.

Three pair of pants. Forty dollars. See you Thursday.

Art Information

- [Untitled painting](#) [4] © Mario Loprete; used by permission.



Michael Morell is a poet and nature photographer born and raised in the suburbs of Philadelphia. He is the author of the poetry chapbook *On Fire*, and was the founder and publisher of the poetry journal *Sea Change*. Michael's writing has appeared in numerous international journals, including *Paterson Literary Review* and *Rattle*. In 2017, he earned a master's degree in Applied Meditation Studies from the Won Institute of Graduate Studies.

Source URL: <https://mail.talkingwriting.com/lightning-strikes-dressing-room>

Links:

[1] <https://mail.talkingwriting.com/lightning-strikes-dressing-room>

Lightning Strikes the Dressing Room

Published on Talking Writing (<https://mail.talkingwriting.com>)

[2] <https://mail.talkingwriting.com/talkingwriting-categories/featured-poetry>

[3] <https://mail.talkingwriting.com/tw-channels-and-categories/disabled-poets-take>

[4] https://www.instagram.com/p/BcDZ8bjD_xm/