

NAOMI FEIGELSON CHASE

Tuna

I didn't know why my mother wanted
A silver mink stole, until I saw
Angela Lansbury in a fifties movie
With hers, her platinum bob, plated barrette,
White gloves, a lady berating
Her cheating husband, while smoking a long cigarette.
I know it's not my mother I'm mourning,
But my husband, who cheated me
By dying. Mary said she would never marry
Again, because she liked eating
A tuna sandwich in bed at night.
And anyone who didn't think
That was important as love
Had never been hungry.