

A Bell Jar Lexicon

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for Peter K. Steinberg

Your marvelous pine paneled favors
Your rat colored defense
greyness stenciled into dust grey
a glove grey canceling

Your dialed, your unraveling
Mr. Defenseless Aluminum
A flesh colored harbor
A molasses colored neighboring

His khaki colored behaviors
funneling, maneuvering
practicing in aluminum
hemorrhaging, toweling

Frost grey snowflakes turn pebble grey
Airplanes marvelous in their jewelry
Analyze this signaling, this shoveling
woolen honors, bone colored

Your garnet colored canceling
Your rose colored funneling
The programs in your amphitheaters
signaling behaviors sand colored

Note: This poem was "found" in the wordlists compiled by Peter K. Steinberg that chart the changes in language between the British and American editions of *The Bell Jar*. See the Appendix in his "Textual Variations in *The Bell Jar* Publications" in *Plath Profiles 5* <<http://www.iun.edu/~nwadmin/plath/vol5/Steinberg.pdf>>.