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Helen

Written in memory of Barbados Rhodes Scholar Helen Carnegie, who died in a Brooklyn apartment fire, November 2000. She was a student at Tisch, New York University at the time studying the art of film-making.

Painting to the
music of Piaf
you stood out
with works
exhibiting an inky undercurrent
– 19 at the time

Yes you Helen
Among the most impressive
of the mid 90s
'young contemporaries'

Later came the
Cave Hill drama stint.
You shining in
Death and the Maiden

Film was your first love
you said, and that's where
the final curtain found you

Remember too, the
chill-of-night
cliff-edge scene
(like Batman's eerie Gotham)
– 'Escape' you called it.
Did you know even then
where the roads led?

