

CALL DOWN THE WALLS by PEARL PIRIE

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STRESS SIGNALS AND SPACE TIME SIGNATURES

where's the headache hide-go-seeking? align,
 shoulders back, a breath in. Monkey Mind,
 are you exacerbating or helping Body heal?
 mmmhm, much bad, but what lungs do, is refill.
 we'll get back to you. *cut channel* OM.

you are a garbage scow to the Enterprise.
 alien ship is scanning an orange beam.
 yes, they register one body in distress.

we see you. recommend space walk stretch.
 knee is out of commission, Captain Free.
 medical replicators are down. EV suit has rips.
 emergency evacuation is not in the script
 site-to-site transporters are offline.
 a pod of advil? antihistamines? I'm fine.

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