

ALL BY HERSELF

"This is what we'll abandon her to next September,"
I think, on my way to the Seven-Eleven for
coffee, a L.A. Times.

Small ruffians on a morning sidewalk
knocking each others' school books loose
and to the ground, screaming frosty breathed in
the cold morning air, pushing, tripping each other.

Last night she put on her pajamas, "All by myself."

We'll send her off in
a crisp new dress,
a ribbon in her hair,
a lunch-pail with a
cartoon character on it.

— Dan Lenihan

Oceanside CA

LOVER'S LEAP

Jumping to
conclusions.

ROAD KILL

Remains
to be seen.

SYSTEMATIC

The mind
over
matters.

HUMAN

Being.

LINEAGE

Another
wrinkle.

— Guy R. Cochrane

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