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The poem "**Girl in the Red Coat**" appeared in *A Narrow Fellow*, vol. 2, no. 2 (2014), a special edition featuring poems paired with original works of art:

### Girl in the Red Coat

The phone rings.  
I like red phones. I answer.  
I am wearing a red coat.  
I am the little girl in the movie.  
No, I am almighty.  
I say:  
I will send you help right away.  
Do not get on the train.  
Do not go through the gate.  
Do not enter the chamber.