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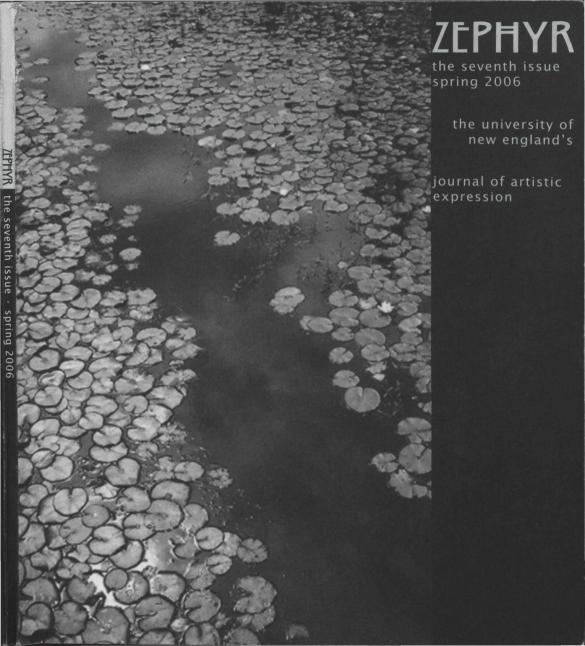
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Welcome, wild North-easter!
Shame it is to see
Odes to every Zephyr;
Ne'er a verse to thee.

CHARLES KINGSLEY

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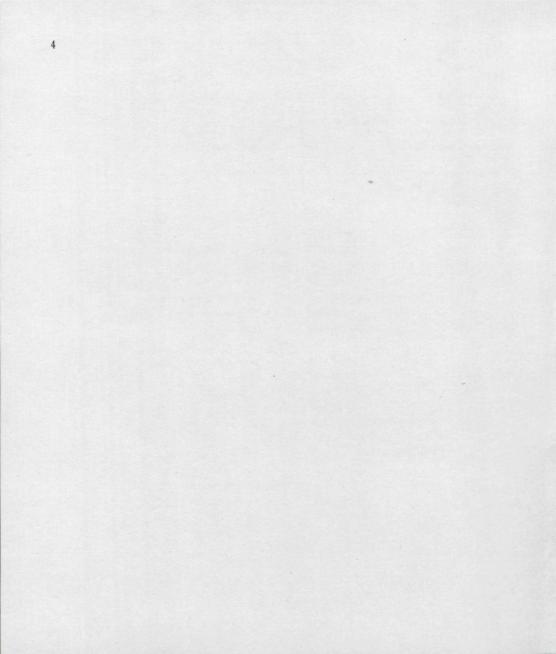
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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Jamie Thompson

Welcome, readers, to the seventh issue of Zephyr! Do not be fooled by the slimness of this volume, as we have compiled the very best that our community has to offer. We have a wide array of submissions this year, from poetry and prose to watercolor and photography. It is yet another stunning year for the university's artistic outlet, and I am honored to participate in its history.

So please enjoy, and let this be a testament to the beautiful things that happen when people put their imaginations to work.

## MOURNED MORNING

Erin Kenney

Tangled limbs I see Warmth of fatigue overpowering me. I won't leave.

Melded to this place. Wrapped in your embrace. Synchronize this time your heart and mine.

Don't sit this one out dance with me now.
Patterns laid in the sand.
Come take my hand.

You tire with my vivacity. Time sought for tranquility. This moment of unrelenting time watch as it passes by.

Drifting now apart.
Shards of my heart
cut me and I bleed
over these fallow memories.

# PROWLING THE PERIPHERY (A GOODBYE TO UNE)

Leslie Ricker

from dreams come ingredients and things that matter:

"from a garden emerges an empty lot, we were not what we thought, as hours of neglect come and seeds scatter"

new shoots rise
from undug stumps,
stones protrude
from humps
left by last year's plow;
amazing how
the day's clay hardens
to my shoes,
the sun drops from view,
and birds begin to chatter:

"I listened more intently to the evening chickadee and he, like me, seems to be, to some degree, bridging the gaps between song and poetry"

from dreams come:
the green worm that penetrates
my sweet broccoli,
and onions that grow
above the ground,
gardens that surround,
and fragrant airs that abound
with the tatters
of waking and of dream,
of edges that seem
to be the bounds
of endless platters:

"in the soil

is something new, something that, from the depths, somehow grew

and the rain don't fall it splatters"

(prowling the periphery)

sunshine lightning,
burning eyes,
cloudless rains realize
they have no backing,
are moisture lacking
as their make-up dries;
fingers fumbled bootblack laces
tied in darkened spaces,
though shallow sleep was
abandoned
the depth of feet
somehow landed
in daylight's proper places

'love as star'
the fist line went,
'outshining
god or government',
'managing
with lack of management';
without light,
in necessity, I invent
a margin,
a path gone out around:

"some love's standing, some love's falling down"

along boundary lines,
along hedges, hedges, and woven
walls
the larger confusion calls
the edges to entwine
with the fences for secluding,
for the prevention of intruding:

"behind me lives a world so fair it seems unlikely I was ever there" there are clouds in distant air, a grayness hovers where the garden meets the skies, where goodness and growth arise as clones of the same cutting, as flowers from the same stem, but if even love and butterflies can devour them

"what kind of predators are we prowling the periphery"

(crops)

"gray is my favorite color"

long skies shine blue but on the slender horizon is a line of cloud or mind, and gray is its color:

the day's hard thoughts and shadows wed the sun sets down into its bed, angels of evening
begin to prowl,
the neighbor's dog
begins to howl
at the working wings
of the garden bat,
at the wanderings
of our charcoal cat
as he roams the breaks
between the growing rows
left wide enough for filling
for softening the soil for hilling:

"I keep an eye
on my seed potatoes
hoping I can make them
go an extra row,
harvest half-a-bushel more,
if I cut them right

I'll dream of crops tonight"

the warm days melt to snow, summer gives no kiss before it goes, no whisper of explaining; no cursing or complaining comes from the voice of wind as it begins to blow:

"the last burst paraded a path across the snow, the heavy cloud debated then turned to east to go, I was caught still and staring at a kind of 'calendar despairing' that a season shouldn't show

that was my last time
out to heaven
where it stares out
to the sea,
heaven as a place
I could want to be
trapped by education,
groping for its light,
trapped with wild delight
in spite of me

the years make their circles tight

I'll dream of crops tonight"



APPROACHING THE END Cheryl L. Miller

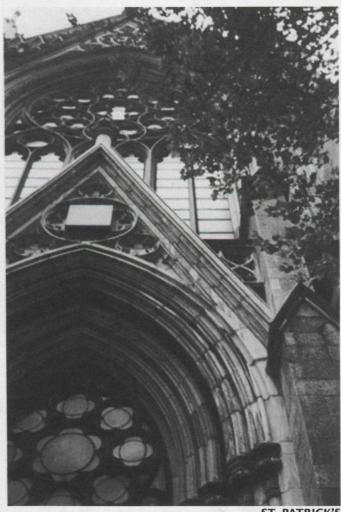
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## INTO THE MOONLIGHT

**Brittany Campbell** 

Run away with me Into the moonlight And we'll be all right Up there in the sky We'll never know 'til we try Cover ourselves in a blanket of stars Lying in the crescent's cradle Keep close, our skin's so warm Our breath white fog in the blue sky The heavens will protect us In our midnight adventure Across the horizon Just so long as you stay with me Until the sun rises So run away with me Into the moonlight And we'll be alright Up there in the sky Yeah, we'll never know 'til we try

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JOHNNY DEPP Lindsay Wood

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## UNTITLED Catherine Giaguinto

12/14/02 12:05 am

Finally, an evening of you and me. The sun has already set, the cold wind moved in to steal the night.

Inside, the warmth melts us, you and me are us. Walking in socks, music as background, dancing, face against your back,

arms around your waist, smells of garlic bring me home. Chop, chop, back to the bed I sit. You move as if I wasn't watching, steps of grace, moments of indecision – in goes the parsley, Out comes...

She never thanks you when you cook. My gratitude comes in waves - of water as I wash the dishes. The cook never cleans.

And I will learn in the most painful of ways that you still feel for another, not me, The way you feel for her.

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TARPON SPRINGS SUNSET Joy Guerrieri-Bang



IN FLIGHT Jonathan M. Kyne

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## AWAKENING Jamie Thompson

She stands on the threshold, her feet touching freedom.

As she looks at the water melting into sky, the world opens like the wings of a gull.

She mirrors its cry; caught in her throat are the words she never spoke. Fingers of anticipation make their way around her heart like seaweed clinging to a rock. The water surrounds her now, the only escape is in the surrender. And it feels like falling into the most beautiful reverie.



SUMMER FOREST Cheryl L. Miller

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# IMPRESSIONS OF AN AUGUST MORNING (MY DROWNING, A CLANDESTINE TRIP)

Benjamin Lavertu

#### Part A:

It's because so much concentrated (condensed) nature.

All the time (repeat). An August morning does not do much for me (nothing new).

Days, like these, are oh so casually painful.

Briefly, being overly constant and repeating.

Although. I'm not pathetically apathetic ...

I can appreciate the air of being exclusive (sometimes elusive). In nature.

And on this stunning morning.

The description is like trying to make my words worth a thousand photographs.

I do say though. Contrast (variables) is (are) interesting.

Between: people & nature, old & new things.

Like these: Bricks (unsalvageable wreckage) lining the interior of a stream.

It's not special. And not easy to explain.

But it's something that caught my attention.

Still breathing? Good, I'll go on...

I know it's crazy.

Under fleeting water. The bricks stay the same. Their constitution is dottily daft.

But.

I can understand also why the bricks would be unappealing, appalling.

They don't really belong. Not really. They're so informal.

Cobble imposters loitering. Not that it makes a difference.

Who can say what stays? And what should go?

Who can really, really say?

Not. Me.

As stated, conflicting and contrasting, you've done me a favor. I bend a bow in gratitude.

Especially on this morning (not mourning).

Even though these affairs and adventures are without context.

I'll take the smallest detail possibly available to me, and focus on that.

From a minimalist point of view, the wind, the flies, the clouds, even everything...

Is too much. My eyes are sore.

In a moment, I'll need a moment, for a moment, just one moment, once upon a moment.

Bricks & streams, insects & things, plants & pebbles,

Were (are) really (very) important (insignificant), especially on an August morning.

Constant and Repeating, might be misleading.

### Part B:

Flowers and trees are splitting seeds.

Like a pomegranate explosion.

Covering the sky at night, every night.

The moon's face is full and rouged.

Matching to the face of a sunflower.

You can't see though, your eye's on the wrong end of the telescope. Quel conundrum.

Dark seeds are distracting, and forgetting...
For the sun. Time to begin again.
With uncommon grace. It's time for morning,
(This time, for mourning too).
Bye summer!
You can wave too! Go on.
Go. On.

August shakes hands with September.

Curiously, how young was I in August?

Quick (Cryptic) Answer: Compose (fully composed, of course) a list of events & experiences of poignantly distressing moments that rigidly forced you to grow up. Forgetting your birthday cake, just because I've woken up 6938 times, I feel older. I know it's crazy, I know. But someone is going to have to remind you that the shortest distance between two points is a full circle. And I hope you never understand the ending to this poem. If you do just please leave me the illusion that you don't, please do. (Such an actor)

### Part Z:

Back in August I dropped my foot on the ground. My balance went too. I fell in the stream, but like a pair of angels, these bricks caught my fall. I'm (so very) glad they got to stay. I am all shook up. Under the shadows of floating leaves and in a tomb of (bitterly) cold water. I'm wondering if maybe I may have made an impression on the stream, at least as much as it has done on me. (Here comes on ironic plot twist, get ready...) I'm not sure, but if I fell down in the middle of this stream, right now, and nobody was around, would I make a sound?



UNTITLED Lindsey Cole

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**DESERT OASIS**Joy Guerrieri-Bang



It is very late, or maybe very early, and the dust of the road comes floating in through the window, and in the bed he cannot close his eyes. He tries not to wake her as he stands, the covers roaring in the quiet room. In the dark, past the teeming banks of peepers and past the damp smell of spring, the bones of a desert reach out for him.

She reaches for him, too. She finds his place cold, and knows he is standing at the window. He doesn't hear her tired shuffle on the floor, but she wraps her arms around his waist, and brings him back. The smell of her sleep brings him back. Her cold nose and warm lips on his neck bring him back, almost.

Almost.

Lying beside her again, he listens to the tiny snores of her breathing, and after a long time he lets the dream flow over him. It is deep, and dark, and maybe tonight it will finally wash him clean. He drowns in it until the rising sun slants through the blinds and dries it away, and he wakes with a start, surprised to be holding her tight in soft linens. The steel and the dirt vanish, but the fear does not. It is not fooled by the lacy dried flowers at the bedside. Under the bed, a scorpion clatters back into darkness. He swallows, and begins to think about his coffee.



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AMBER NIGHT Michael Kyle

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## UNTITLED Catherine Giaquinto

11/08/02 12:33am

The desperation leaked out of my eyes, fingers, feet, as I made every attempt to quell my need to reach him.

To just touch his hand, run my tips over his knuckles feel the hair resting there, on its perch.

My feet jiggled, my fingers perspired, my eyes swam, over his figure; my attempt was successful and I will end

another day knowing, or at least hoping, he has no idea of the thoughts in my head.

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# A SUMMER CREEK Erin Kenney

Water trickles and flows tumbles lightly. Muddy toes.

Shivering cold walk among the ripples. Feeling ten years old.

Stones skip. Leaves canopy above. Stubbed toe trip.

Heat sweltering drips. Tongue tasting salt from my lips.

If rain should come debating options.
Let me run.

Through the fields, chasing memories.

If only time would yield.

If the day should end now. Falling stars. watch from the ground.

Days of perfection can't exist. So I state and then insist.

Feeling too bereaved with the wreck less abandon I feel as I leave.

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GOLDEN EYE Jonathan M. Kyne

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## A YEAR AND A MONTH AGO

**Brittany Campbell** 

One year and a month ago When I first started loving you Autumn is our favorite season But now I am alone The leaves are changing However they aren't as bright As the day we hiked up the hill That claims to be a mountain The leaves were so vibrant Orange, red, yellow Or maybe it was electricity Pulsating from your hand to mine That made them so beautiful in my eyes And sitting on the doorstep In the crisp, cool October air You let me wear your sweatshirt But now the pumpkin's grin is not so wide Without you And cider doesn't have that rich, tart flavor When I can't share it with you One year and a month ago When I first started loving you Autumn was our favorite season But now I am alone.

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LEAF AND SEED OF AUTUMN Cheryl L. Miller

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10/26/02 12:58am

Charcoal gray, winter at its trophy; eggplant silhouette singed into your side, a solitary hair languishes on the pillow, I laugh at the maudlin effect.

My thrashing does nothing to quiet my fears, they've crept in under the door, soaking my heart with the travesty of what we've become:

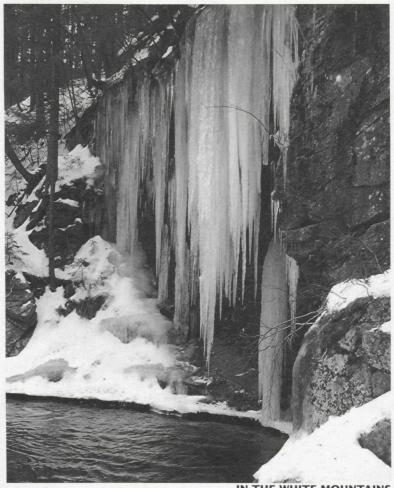
a banana lays unpeeled on the counter.

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STAGES OF POPPIES Cheryl L. Miller

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IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

Joy Guerrieri-Bang

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# MIRROR MIRROR Erin Kenney

Ties that bind me down.
Serpents of my soul
the glass which pattern shattered.
Framed memories of old.

Refracted lines of delusion mirrored common place. Seeking then confusion the shapes of my face.

What am I without purpose, the mirage of sanded time? My taste is wet with verses the terror of my eyes.

And if perchance I whisper upon this waking dream.
Nightmares are less sinister.
The ends preempt the means.

The glass becomes the dust which silts my clouded eyes. The ties which chain in rust reflect my own demise.

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REFLECTION OF WINTER Cheryl L. Miller

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### SNOWBOUND Erin Kenney

I feel the sound soft falling snow. Frost painted tapestry on my window.

Sunlight streaks.
A crystal lattice.
A silent testament
to overwhelming sadness.

The inches thick covers, a blanket make-shift. Swiftly woven frozen cotton. Warmth and memories forgotten.

And if this moment I should tire. Lay my head upon frozen fire.

And sleep, if only for dreams it brings. Wishing, hoping for finer things.

I feel the sound of fallen snow. Drifting, blowing outside my window.



BACK BAY WINTER Cheryl L. Miller

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## THIS COUNTRY

Catherine Giaquinto

10/25/02 12:17am

I believe in yellow rubber duckies, in Will and Grace's baby, in the fall of Saddam. I believe in the land of the free. the home of the cowards. the weak and the lame. I believe in sheltering all or none, using a condom, and melting down all guns. I believe this country prays too much. does too little, and lives life through celebrities. I believe in babysitters, family nights with pizza, cats sleeping on beds, but no dogs in the house. I believe in compliments from everyone, but criticism

only from yourself. I believe this world is too small and yet larger than we can appreciate. I believe TV rots our minds but opens them just the same. I believe in lust at first glance, love at first night. and passion forever. I believe in hard work and sacrifice. I believe in the power of music and my water with cubed ice. I believe in the weak helping the strong, And in the educational system for what its worth. I believe most of all. In the power of the written word. The importance of the spoken word. And the strength of my resolve. Together we can make anything Happen, the challenge Is to keep believing.

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