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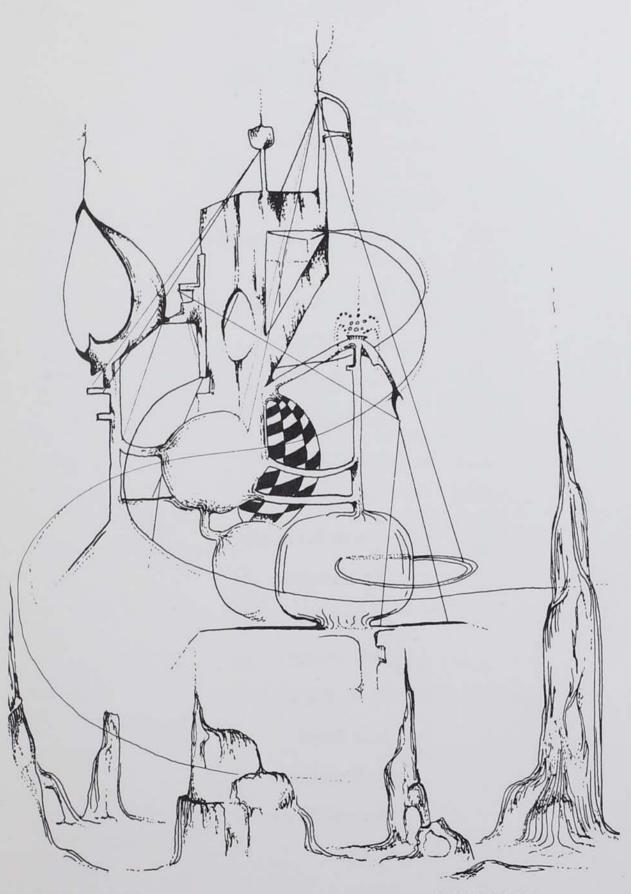
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Circumstance

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Being somewhat
    Romantic
    I find
Life Among the Natives very difficult.
And looking
    forward to the ivy leaves
    I find
        no
          song
            to
              sing
              but merely
               several cornhusks securely fastened
              while
            Ι
        bide
    my
time
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in water colors.

MORRIS CHERRY

Advice

into the wind this morning—

I yelled

up to the

old Lord

and told him "What

a great job you're doing"—

just to keep him

on his celestial

toes.

KEVIN AKEY

DEAREST LANTHORN:

the hot, midsummer mosquito night
and your paisley mind.

each baroque thought compact within its own shell.

Chekov here; paper there; me here; she there.
each ornate inside the horn, surrounded
by an unbroken line
unbent by change, or growth.

we are compact within our shells.
our patterns do not lap.
we weave your thought fabric
each separately, alone.

Another sense of the man, sleight-of-hand

I, too, would like an island full of geese and stars,
And a sailboat and a seagull and a kite and a guitar.
Drifting to a nearby sand bar,
I could sing with the birds, and play,
And never see a ferry,
Or be forced to smile all day.
The oven sun would heat me, the trees would be my cool,
Never lending nor depending on another for my food.
Living on my island of summers,
I'd have a chance to be free;
But freedom and islands too soon find storms,
Leaving winters and cities to me.

OR
Ode to the new life sciences building
beyond the plastered paradise, fluorescent suns, and
tinted cats-eye connections,
trees move at the desire of the wind.

Thoughts on a controlled environment

She stands by the Ocean
At sunset,
Watching the waves break
Far out from shore.
She sticks to the shoreline,
Never venturing out to tempt the winds
Like some in their small boats.
It doesn't seem to matter much
If above her noisy crowds
Shove along the boardwalk,
She doesn't hear them.
Her world is quiet.
She's a woman on the shore,
Waiting to see
What fate will wash her way.

R. HOULE

Wrap yourself around
Holding me warm,
For winter's coming
Soon.
Envelop me within yourself
In the quiet of a momentary glance.
Slowly rock and gently sway
Until I'm riding
On the peak of a tear
Softly flowing down your cheek.

For What You Do For Me

For all the times you heard me sing When I didn't have a song;
For all the times you let me think I'm right When you knew that I was wrong;
For all the strength you've given me When I could not go on.
That is why I love you now,
That's why my love is strong.
Very strong.

For all the times you caught my tears When they began to fall;
For all the times you pushed me on When I would have rather stalled;
For all the things you've done for me The big ones and the small.
That is why I love you now,
That's why my love is strong.
Very strong.

For all the times I saw your smile When I'd begun to frown;
For all the times you picked me up When you saw that I was down;
For all the love we have inside We just get kicked around.
So I'll keep on loving now,
Even if it's wrong.
Very wrong.

For all the times I've heard them say
That we didn't know the way;
For all the times they laughed and said
That we wouldn't last a day;
For all the laughs they've given me
'Cause I knew our love would stay,
Deeper than the deepest sea
That's why our love lasts long.
Very long.

I know that I could see
That love was here to set me free
And now I know that
Love is what you do for me.

blink

where is love
i looked in all the right
spots. in
the leafpile, in
the clouds, in
a pot of chocolate
pudding, in the warm
hay at sunset,
even in webster's
very big book on
all words

and then i saw your eyes

KEVIN AKEY

Love

My 49¢ Christmas tree

Lost all its needles,

Making it easier

For me to see its heart.

MORRIS CHERRY

With words of friendship
I love
so many people
Christ had words of wisdom
trapped within my mind
and his.

And love comes down and talks to me opens my eyes and I cannot see but why?

ART SEVERANCE

Love II

I stepped on a hollyberry

And Christmas juice ran out.

And there was all the joy

In a puddle on the ground.

MORRIS CHERRY

There's always a last night and a first tomorrow as life spins its cartwheels around you and you want to say "stop" — yes stop a moment while my head is in the air and my toe tips touch the earth once more. And yet the end does come though one never imagined it would, gives its way to another beginning and one spends five days finding the way from bow to stern and back again — meeting friends as though they had been and would be forever, only to leave them to their different ways at the pier. It's like the time had never been and yet the sculpture of your life bears now one more irretrievable touch of the chisel. Time will come again and again when the whole picture is reconstructed.

KAREN

Magic

Have you seen my snowflake?

You know, the one God sent me.

It was in my hand a minute ago,

And I held it very tightly so I wouldn't lose it,

But now it's gone.

And I can't find it any place.

MORRIS CHERRY

To Be a Child

Let me ask you this:

What fool invented Adult Pleasures?

And who would be lost enough

to search for them?

The joys we find are much better.

They have more logic

if only to the two of us.

Watching rabbits hide in the tall grass

and

Reading comic books together

have purpose.

I mean,

who needs three cars in every garage?

Floating a green balloon in the air

is much more fun than a dinner party.

And I wouldn't trade

that little hollow

below your ribs

for a dozen of Mr. Tiffany's diamonds.

CHERYL HILTEBEITEL

Time — a flight unretainable

And yet by memory retained

Time — a concept confusing

For those who feel understanding

Time — a sorrow unbearable

Too quick for those who love.

JOANNE KURIAN

Lively youth with its whims and doubts is forced onward by the whip of time:

Life's goals and wishes become targets shot down by ignorance and cowardice:

Love flies like a bubble free and light only to be pierced by infidelity, neglect, and hate:

The sun springs into the sky and slips away again behind the mountains and wetness:

— That is a dream destroyed but not forgotten.

DEBBIE HENNING

a year later

And now we're friends — a year has passed

since our time of love ended.

not that our love is gone,

but it's a different kind of love now

an easier kind,

that brings no heartbreak.

it's a kind that will always exist

although it determines no futures.

it's a kind that has no future

and yet has hope.

Sometimes, when I'm lonely

I remember our time of love

and I want you.

but then the moment passes

and I realize that was the past.

our friendship is here now

and I'm glad.

CHERYL HILTEBEITEL

A Poem in February

Awakening in a moment of blood and sweat to the sonorous breath of the wind in my ears, Complementing the gentle rise and fall of the ocean tide,

I sigh with relief.

Stirring luxuriously I calmly draw her close within my arms as

Shyly she murmurs amorous words of an innocent love that soothe like a downy warmth.

Pursuing my thoughts again, fathoms away,
that descend deep within the corporeal earth.

Blackness and clouds overcome me, robbing my senses,
'til I cannot reach that soft doughy form

Cooing in my arms.

JOHN ABERNETHY

The Crystal Brick Road

I felt you reaching out to me,
Like crystal roads of destiny,
That shatter when you walk on them
Never to be built again.
I'm scared to death to touch your hand.
Don't know if you can understand.
Of all the things that I've been through
There's nothing that comes close to you.
And love walks thru my mind.

I saw you in the crystal light
Breaking through the lonely night
I ran to walk along with you
And fell in love with what you do
I lost the road in fog-like grey
I found the night and lost the day
As love became a heavy load
Shattering the crystal road.
And love walks through my mind . . .

LINDSLEY COOK
Class of '74

Secluding trees of the
Whispering Forest
Murmuring the thoughts of a
doubtful wind
the day of Fearful loving
now comes to an end
sitting here
being one
With the wind and trees
Sunlight Fading into branches
of my mind
leaves crushed into the earth
Memories of an existence
in time
Floating slowly toward their death

Ephemera

Optimist — O optimist —
Speak to me now.
Tell me that life is still rosy;
And not the noxious thing I live with.
Laugh for me — please —
As you used to do when we were ———

Optimist — O you damn optimist — Give me the hope you hold.

Make me see life through your rose-colored glasses
As did I once with your embraces.

How many? — long years ago.

Pessimist — I am a pessimist — Was beguiled by your lofty view. So I joined you — But I fell when you pushed me — When? Ah — many long years ago.

O. B. GYNE

Life:

No matter who or where or what Thick like butter pouring down settling rancid . . .

nothing moves but rivers anymore

and the people, the people—

I've almost stopped to watch.



Whiskers

I hate trains—always have and always will—Because they were always taking me away
From something
And carrying me toward a destination
Known only by name.

Perhaps the loneliest feeling A man can experience is the loneliness He feels When he is staring out the window at a familiar world slowly Receding.

I've watched the evolution of trains and Oddly enough
It is an evolution that parallels life,
Any life
But perhaps my life particularly.

The steam locomotive in its hey day gloriously racing Beneath a billowing column of smoke and steam Carrying the burdens of a burgeoning society effortlessly and Proudly on its shoulders.

Vibrant, forceful and incredibly alive.

Now trains have been replaced by other products of man's technology. They serve a strictly transient purpose fading toward Extinction
Beneath the trampling wheels of Progress
And the relentless force of the Ingenious mind.

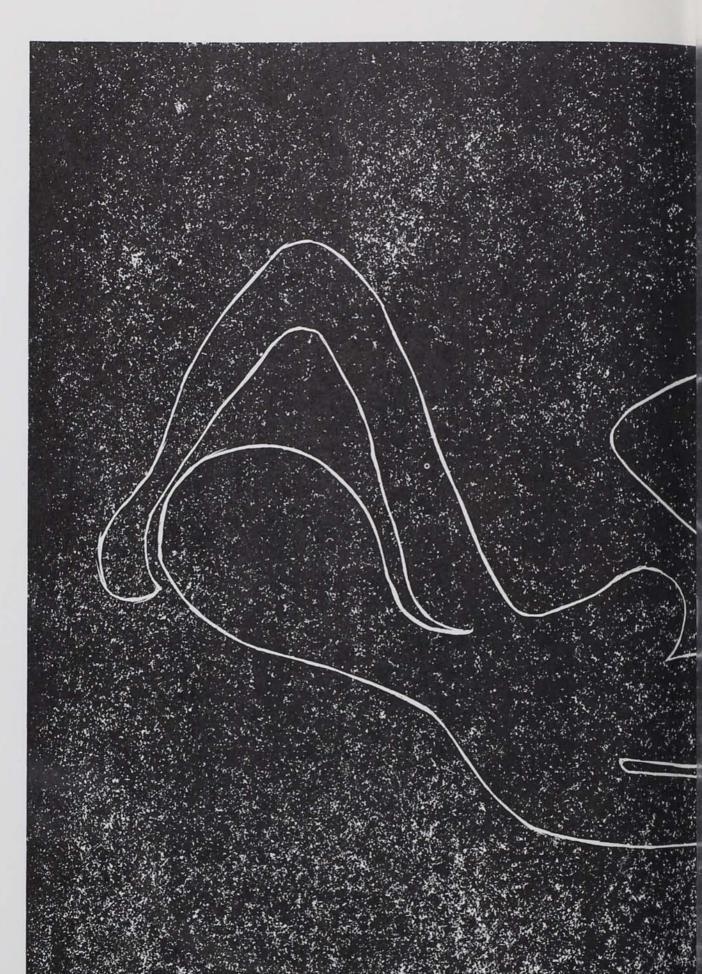
Now I sit back on my empty porch
On a cool autumn evening
Rubbing two days' worth of whiskers and
Grappling with a prospective that refuses to let me be.
The lonely cry of a railroad whistle in the far off distance greets me
Over empty fields.
Both of us lamenting our loneliness and waiting for progress to pass us by.

Thoughts On Being Sick

I am sick inside. Being a simple-minded person I cannot understand what has happened to us. I cannot comprehend the awful, terrible tragedy we have let ourselves become the victims of. But I find intolerable the fact that we could let ourselves be duped so masterfully and so unconscionably. I lean back in my seat at this battered, old wooden table and see myself off alone somewhere away from suspicion, desperation, death and destruction. But I find I cannot escape via any mechanism at the disposal of my mind the awesome miserable reality of mistakes and the bitter disappointment of so many dreams unfulfilled. This incredible monolith looms before us like some writhing wounded beast bleeding from wounds of moral decay and chaos inflicted by both sides—yet the responsibility for that destruction lies within. Not just within our boundaries but within our own perishable and damnable selves. I long for the day when this egregious injustice to humanity ceases to persist and the day arrives when we can be free again—not only free outside but free inside. It is one thing to allow your corporeal existence to be imprisoned but it is the most unforgivable sin to allow your mind to be shackled and repressed. A silence comes over this bizarre audience and we all rise to greet the short, stooped, unimposing man before us.

"Mein Fuhrer," I say. "There is good news from Normandy."

WESLEY R. HARDEN III



COLLEEN GLEASON

as over in the harvest time, when moons are swollen ripe

and pumpkins sleep amidst the sheaves
of August wheat and Fallen leaves
and the sun is sharp or mellow soft
but never in between,

as ever come the winsome days, that beckon through the hollow ways

of evergreens and autumn greys-

i saw them once, and followed: i've lived my life but once before, and that was yesterday but colors change with every dawn and still the sunsets call me on.

there's music in an Autumn wind that blows of bronzen hours, of weathered boards and rotten fruit, of aging men and old.

there's music in an Autumn wind that signs the sounds of time of legends gone and legends come of birth, of death, of love.

there's music in an Autumn wind that waltzes through the past and dances every dance again of lives full lived and sung.

i've yet to meet my Autumn-tide despite a seasoned glance: my april still comes greenly and my summer holds its stance i've little to remember and a lifetime left, to chance—

as yet i'm but the dancer still waiting for the dance IX

Cool Crisp Snowflake

Rest gently — in the soft green arms of the fir tree

— peace —

X

Moon light drifts
over the crisp white snow —
As fir trees whisper of Christmas.

XI

The earthworm sleeps under a red and yellow leaf quilt — Content — Autumn.

XII

Smoke wreaths from burning leaves fill the air with pungent spice — thyme, myrrh — Autumn.

A Non-Poem

Eves closed Staring stupidly At the darkness Of the unattended funeral within Listening To the electric heartbeat Of a disguised wood nymph Tapping her life On the processed pulp Of her sylvan home Forever imprisoning her spirit In triplicate Golden fate Looking through plastic and glass At men But seeing only debits and credits Making sure all pay their dues The life giver Writes people false promises Of empty joys To take their designated places In their hollow lives Smiling brown eyes Stamping people And after properly sorting and labeling Sends them on their ways Each to his individual little box Yet another Plays with his adding machine Calculating the difference Between eternity and now On a tape as long As the distance Between two souls My mind is going — I can feel it — Slipping through my fingers Running down my leg And dripping into rainbow puddles On the floor

Non-Poem

Dying from an overdose Of useless useful work Struggling to make it To the time To shoot up And forget the world Through the magic globe Entering into imagination Soaring through the galaxy Like a great free bird Unchained From all that binds it To this world Escaping to a not yet Where everything And nothing Exist all in the same moment Delicately balanced On the fragile line of Almost Before returning Shaking from experience To mundane Now To begin again

"LENNY"

Gruk intended to stimulate some sort of response from chronic middle-of-the-roaders.

A moderate amount of moderation Gives one a chance to catch one's breath, But moderation in its extreme Is tantamount to death.

Gruk concerning the influence of eternity as a defiler of ideals.

I'm just killing time It deserves such a fate, For it's raped my love And sired my hate.

UOEGTE SONEN AF KUMBEL

Relevant Gruk

He who lusts for relevance And scorns what is not germane, Enhances the current pragmatic ego And abdicates his brain.

Kröger's Gruk I

When I'm tired And all alone Time tends to pass Like a kidney stone.

(Burma Shave)

Kröger's Gruk II

To be alone wouldn't be so bad; It wouldn't be such a chore But, alas, I'm alone with myself And consider myself a bore.

UOEGTE SØNEN AF KUMBEL

Ι

The sea will never be mine again.
It once was mine, and then I shared it with you.
But you took my gift and squandered it with her;
And now the sea belongs to no one.

II

It is always winter here:
Cold, grey, misty day.
The moon is never gentle;
It tears at my memories
and leaves me shaking,
crying, lonely for someone.

Moon

The lighted hole in the blackness in which beyond
The mind lives on Green Cheese and Talks to that Old Man,
Who has looked down so often, that
He no longer sees
But speaks in Truths.
He is the hole, yet
I wonder if he has any depth.

Do I only perceive the lighted hole
Because of the blackness?
Am I, like that Old Man
cold and austere
Who looks down at the world
from afar,
never feeling
and always moving away?

DEBBIE WOOD

why it was so they couldn't speak at sunrise — why their moon was seldom silver — how an eye could reflect a thought — if day led always into night — why stars, yet alone, could move in darkness — and doors opened not with golden keys — need streams freeze in winter — would Kings always rule the land — if a tree would lose its leaves — and why a woman would avert her glance,

- that talk was blinded by quick light
- not to look over one's shoulder at the sky
- and an eye was mirror to the mind
- at times in a life there is darkness at noon
- that independence is the strength of the anchorite
- even gold keys are not meant for brass locks
- if the land froze around them first
- only while his people deigned him right
- always, and new seasons make the change invisible But the last now I turn to you \dots

A Thought

John is a thread.

Running here

there

Through a pattern of many others.

Touching

joining

flowing, mingling.

Aware . . . Perhaps not

Yet who forms the pattern?

JUDY FREELIN

Dwarf in an Existential Dawn

Here breaks the day of the flood
Standing with your eyes, open so wide,
Staring at the tide, increasing at your
feet
No one is nearby to watch
Step into the tide. letting the cold
waves stimulate your body.
Let the burning passion embrace you
submitting to its eroding wash.
Walk deeper, leap into the sea
Experiencing every pleasure, exciting
every nerve to its fiery limit.
Arise gloriously and accept this
gift of boundless water as an
earthly prize.



DEBBIE WOOD

Non-Poem

A void
All-engulfing darkness
Surrounds me
Along a path
Littered with rusted trophies
Of mighty victory
And tarnished crowns
Of proud conquest
Lying in the dust
Beside faded dream
And shattered illusion
Under the dawn of reality

Groping in the blackness
For warmth
And finding none
Retreating from the now
Of life
Composed of smiling images
Mocking their pursuer
To continue the escape
From the emptiness
Of the day
To the senselessness
Of the night
Upon which
The sun will never rise

"LENNY"



R. HOULE

Corridors To My Mind

Dark, uninhabited corridors leading to the door that opens to my dreams.

It's a lonely walk and long but it must be travelled.

One foot after the other tracing footsteps from where I started.

The corridor is endless I've been walking for eternity and I'm still not near.

ART SEVERANCE

Sadness

A lady in Brooklyn sits on her stoop and cries inside. And her husband has left her and no money. And she is infinitely more sad than man has ever been or will be.

And she believes it, and it is so.

A man in Bombay sits and prays to his Buddha.

And his children are dead and no wife.

And he is infinitely more sad than man has ever been or will be.

And he believes it, and it is so.

And I sit and I cry to my mind and I think.

And all the infinitely sad people fill my soul.

And I am infinitely more sad than man has ever been or will be.

And I believe it, and it is so.

The Enzyme Song

I am a happy enzyme— Interacting efficiently with my buddy, Substrate A_1 , to give our friend, Product P, a start in life.

I guess I should say I used to be a happy enzyme.
Actually, we, all the enzymes in this humble mitochondrion
In a humble epithelial cell
In this humble planarian,
Are lonely now.

Ever since I. E. Dupont de Namours have been dumping their Vile crud

In our humble, obscure stream (thinking foolishly that they are getting away with it because only the planarians, hydras and a few energetic Daphnias like this stream or even know that it exists) business has been slow.

You just can't feel important if nobody is sending any business your way,

Having you convert a friend,

Or sitting around with an itchy active site.

Wait. I can feel it now.

Yes. The planarian landlord, the crosseyed fellow we all call home, Who I and all the other enzymes love so well.

Who has provided us with our own warm humble mitochondrion is in the throes

Of convulsion.

I sure hope he doesn't die and disintegrate. We like it here.

I don't want to be cast into the cold, hostile world with Dupont's crud. It's a real shame Mr. Dupont can't see things the way I do. I consider myself pretty important even if only I realize it.

Creatures of Sand

Man.

Born from a grain to life. tearing his way out of the womb To freedom.

Baby

Crying for a grain of food tearing his way out of trouble To happiness.

Child

Playing near the water With his bucket and pail To build.

Youth

Running by the waves With his simple lover washed To eternity.

Man

Builds his dreams on sand-signs and castles Instead of rock To stand forever.

So we walk in search of the peaceful sea . . .

LINDSLEY COOK

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