



7-15-1992

Holding Your Hand

Glen V. McIntyre

Follow this and additional works at: <https://dc.swosu.edu/westview>

Recommended Citation

McIntyre, Glen V. (1992) "Holding Your Hand," *Westview*: Vol. 11 : Iss. 4 , Article 26.
Available at: <https://dc.swosu.edu/westview/vol11/iss4/26>

This Poetry is brought to you for free and open access by the Journals at SWOSU Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Westview by an authorized administrator of SWOSU Digital Commons. For more information, please contact phillip.fitzsimmons@swosu.edu.



HOLDING YOUR HAND

by Glen V. McIntyre

Holding your hand,
fragile, deeply wrinkled, skin translucent
like fine alabaster,
I remember
fireflies at night coming up into the yard,
catching them in my hand,
the church bell ringing on Sunday
clear and distinct across the small town,
iris of many colors in your front garden,
fruit trees and vegetables in back,
moonflowers and their strong perfume on summer nights,
sleeping on the mattress in the open air,
and lion dens in the dirt,
Baltimore oriole nests on the clothes line,
the taste of well water in a tin dipper,
dozing fitfully before a water-cooled fan;
all this I can remember, Grandma.
If you don't,
let me hold your hand.■

GLEN V. MCINTYRE is a museum curator and free-lance writer in Kingfisher; he has submitted many manuscripts to WESTVIEW.

ED BERRONG
INSURANCE AGENCY

"THE AGENCY SERVICE BUILT"

Insurance
Real Estate
Bonds

520 East Main Street
Weatherford, OK 73096
405/ 772-3329