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First place recipient of “The Night Rider Award,” an award that recognizes outstanding work by community members from the HCC operating area (from their announcements page):

- The Night Rider Award for Poetry (First Prize): Trish Lindsey Jagers for her poem "To Away"

“To Away” was published in the 2008 edition of *The Round Table*, the annual literary journal of Hopkinsville Community College.

To Away

All leaving things come
to you though they must leave
in order to reach you
the yellow squat house on the corner
came to you
during the tornado
the white wicker rocker
and the old man with the grey eyes
they say he went
to your locked rooms too
dry snow fog
all appear in the vanishing point
of your arms
the wind
and breath
when it has its way
shadows and mountain streams
last fall’s leaves and dandelion seeds
left socks and memory
kneel at your altar
I’ve looked for you
for years always on the disappearing trail
of something that found you
first

Trish Lindsey Jagers