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**Poetry and Prose** 

# Moon

By Glenn Harbour

At full length the Gods bend cradle you with both hands, full hands that

The sky makes amends, huge gap, hole. Of colors streak and stretch as finger is laid down below.

The mystic of blackening you applaud orb that pleases loudly the silent tone. But billow the Gods shadow you trust bringing the lilacs of day to a blushing darkness.

True and forging the stream in pedal dark is a hue somewhere imagined, and stark rhythm alone meanders is calm. While water flows the tricle schemes, you, friend to this intricate furrow.

As nature abounds its absent flight beyond they stretch a time, survival, length of time. The monsters men cherish most of all. Denying luster or hot to such stone in-hospitable its laughter.

Lease the mystery of light, that litter potent bidder its highest call.

Moon holds the night.



## The Swallow And The Thrush

By Kim Dykema

flew - the former idly, the concerned. "Wherever the latter briskly - through air wind takes me." whose crispness was a gentle

As the thrush drew up have no place?" from behind, the swallow spoke in a most engaging wardly. "No." manner.

"Lovely day, isn't it?"
"What? Oh, yes, quite," the thrush replied, startled. speed are excellent."

"Oh," the swallow, taken "Yes, let's," the thrush aback, murmured. "Ac- agreed. "A short rest now tually I was referring to the will no doubt improve our sun on the clouds - how speed later." beautiful it is. Don't you think so?"

A doubtful "Hmnph" was the only response, as the thrush rapidly drew away.

again. "Where are you headed?"

"South," the thrush answered, as if annoyed. "I vacation each year on Surton Isle off the coast of Eastport." The beating wings slowed their pace, reluctantly. "And you?"

"Oh, I don't know," the

A swallow and a thrush swallow replied, un-companion.

The thrush was inreminder of time's passage. credulous. "You mean you

The swallow smiled in-The two flew on in silence

for a while. A small pond came into view. "Shall we take a break?"

"The visibility and wind the swallow suggested. "It looks a pleasant place."

"Well...of course. That's

just what I was thinking." The swallow chuckled softly, shaking its head.

The two birds angled down "Hey, wait up," the towards the pond, which swallow cried, catching up nestled on the edge of a meadow. Bees buzzed heavily in the afternoon sun, and the fragance of clover was strong.

The thrush landed directly at the pool's edge and drank. With its wingtips it flicked water over its back, and with a quick shake was ready to diminishing speck in the sky, go. The thrush looked around the swallow pitied the to check the progress of its thrush.

The swallow was cavoting in the shallows. "Isn't this delightful? Look how the water sparkles!" A bright eye in the cocked head challenged the thrush. Then the swallow fluffed its feathers and began to preen itself.

The thrush waited impatiently.

The swallow finished preening and looked about. "Ready?" the thrush asked. "We really must be off."

"I think I'll stay a while," the swallow rejoined. Balancing on a bulrush. "It's so lovely here."

"Well, then, I guess this is goodbye. Take care!" And the thrush flew away. As it flew, it thought to itself, "That's one bird that will never amount to anything." And the thrush pitied the swallow.

The swallow, still frolicking in the pond, called after the other bird, "Goodbye, and farewell!" And, watching the rapidly

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omewhere America it is still Christmas on the first day of spring. There is no music. On the hills around the town, beyond the blonde stubble of the cornfields, the snow still shines off-white through the grey-bare trees. Facing the red shutters against the white windows on the brown shingled walls of the house called "Lone Elm Farm," you stand in the muddy intersection where Prospect Avenue meets Powder Hill Road. The mailbox says, "J. Chester Murphy." This is a town with names on the boxes instead of numbers.

Against the chill of the metal barrel of the pen, you maneuver blue ink around the tiny spots drizzling onto the notebook that is always there, turning to keep the wind from lifting the corners of the pages. These details you note too; recording them for later use like worms to go fishing for answers. You close the notebook and turn back the way you have come, wondering what it was that had kept you awake that night that now seems so long

So long ago.

Incandescent elves are peering out a picture window. A fir wreath wired to a knocker watches from behind the screen door. A plastic sleigh perching on the roof over a sleeping porch still drips with tinsel.

In the air the aroma of the rubbish smoldering in rusted oil drums. Not a sweetness, but something.

Low trees with bare branches scabbed with lichen grow through the picket fence in front of the Whitsitt House. Birdbaths and a sundial sprout through brown grass. There are sunflowers.

leaves that cling to the branches of the tree by a driveway. You pluck one off, to ask someone later what tenaciously at dead leaves. called that naturalism.

alliteration, thank you. without words, again and Consonance

sustenance. Note the yellow imagination. whispy buds draped on the formed of spring's arrival.

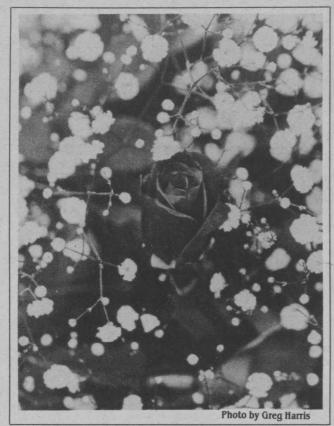
The mailbox says "Jim black border, is a poem:
Butts." This is the town Jim ROAD Butts lives in. Jim Butts waves with his other hand

You stop your progress for willow, waiting to be in- a sign. The metal face is painted white and inside the

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# Tangible Things

By Steve Barth



gripping the neck of his collie. Under Jim Butt's mailbox - under each mailbox in this town—gapes the orange plastic holders awaiting The Journal. The news has not arrived yet.

Now, walking down this pinwheels too: spinning road, remember the logging road that in the twilight of Across the road the last dawn ran away from the winter wind rattles brittle conference center (past the creepers that slid out the empty doorway of the abandoned farm) and through the woods to some kind of a tree it is and why other town on the other side would it clutch so of the mountain. Think about her as you had been thinking Who holds on to who? But then: no thought but wanting knowing what kind of a tree a fierce entwining in the dew it is when you write about it, of the meadow above the you can call it Elm or Birch road. Still you try to imagine instead of Tree. At the what you might have said to writer's retreat they had each other had she suddenly met you on that road. But in Writers's retreat. That is your mind it only happens without again. Such a passionate Jack was on the lower bed,

Why had sleep been so out of the question that night? Remember the way the slats of the upper bunk winced when Jack finally clamored up as you reeled in your netherworld between drunkeness and dawn. Why not write about it: "Abandon all hope ye who look upon those eyes!" Such illusion should not go unnoticed: the long eyelashes that opened like butterfly wings; the softness of a voice that could call back the swallows; the gentle lifting of a sweater so slight that you noticed

almost nothing else. Can you recall with detail when you sat on the colorless carpet of the cabin by the brook? Leaning back against your bed while she reclined against the other, where the shy young South American who didn't usually drink had passed out on the top bunk. one bulging leg on either side

of her chaste shoulders as he caressed with writer's hands the imperceptible curves of her woman-child form. She took your rag-socked feet onto her crossed bare ankles and began to rub, kneading desire up through your legs. She seemed oblivious to Jack, but not so as to discourage him. Her innocence was of the unquenchable kind.

Strange that the details remembered are not the ones you would have chosen at the time: the smell of the carpet rather than the silver down along her arms.

Later, after she rose to lead Jack out of the tiny room, you pressed yourself into the corner of your bed, tossing and turning pictures in your mind. You were still awake - but not sane when Jack came back to snore heavily. And you were still awake and hopeless when it finally became light enough to see the crumple of your clothes on the carpet, pulling your jeans up around you and letting the sweater fall about and closing the bedroom door softly behind you to find her awake and watching from the couch.

"Come with me."

"Where?"

"I can't sleep. For a walk."

"Up the road?"

"Yes," you whispered, wondering if your voice could be heard above the pounding of your heart.

Both of you watched your hand trace the broken stitching that held the silk border on the pink blanket. "I'm going to stay and try to sleep," she said.

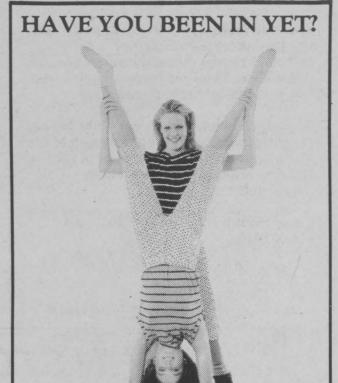
At first you ran up the road, until your legs ached with lost tension and you shed your windbreaker to cinch it around your waist. Letting those aching legs walk as far as they wanted. And all the while trying to fight your way out of wanting her.

After breakfast, helping her lift her typewriter into her convertible, you laughed when she said goodbye and with your eyes caressed the tan of her thighs as she told you she had come jogging after you but hadn't been able to find you. (You must have gone so far.) Then you stood in the middle of the gravel drive as she rolled away from you toward the

Now turning from the past and the town road to climb (continued on page 9A)

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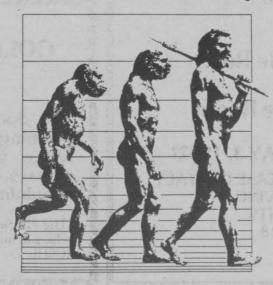
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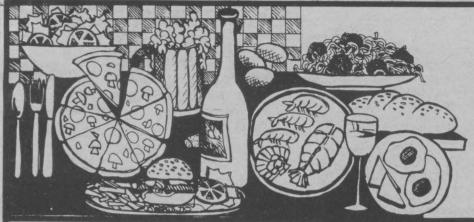
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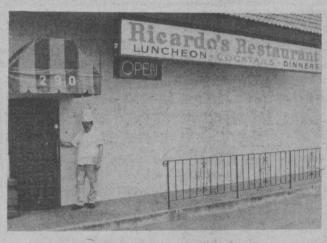
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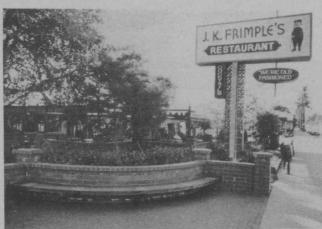
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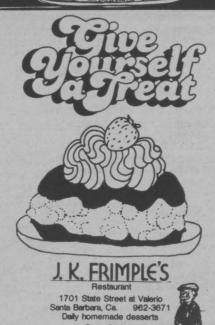
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Jahn's orders were to refocus the reflective panels on three of the huge reflection stations. The manuever was routine, but the circumstances surrounding it were not. Even Jahn was uncertain of the true significance of his mission.

Although he had seen the sight at least a hundred times before, Jahn stared in awe at the 720 stations. He watched the half million panels flicker through his darkened observation window as he slipped on his helmet and began depressurizing the command cabin.

Over a decade ago, in the year 1989, Steve Dibi, chief engineer in charge of Energy R&D at NASA, envisioned a project to help harness more short-wave solar radiation by illuminating the dark side of the earth with large reflective titanium alloy panels positioned on space stations. The project began slowly at first with only four stations concentrating light onto Texas and Oklahoma for eighteen hours a day. Residents of the two states were in an uproar because of the continual daylight, but within a year the new cupro-cobalt photovoltaic cells produced enough electricity to power ten mid-western states.

By 1991, global food and energy consumption had risen so high that the solar project appeared to be the only alternative, and the International Food and Energy Cooperative was established to expand the solar project with the help of over 90 nations.

The project, dubbed SUNSPOT by the American media, quickly progressed to 500 reflection stations designed and maintained by the United States and Japan. At first the project's success was overwhelming. Crop production was increased in fertile valleys and arid plains throughout the world, and solar technology increased to the point where every industrialized nation relied on the sun for well over 85 percent of its energy.

But eventually the Cooperative collapsed and the majority of the stations were redirected to illuminate already exposed portions of the U.S. as other countries refused to renew their leases for the stations. The U.S. still maintained all of the stations with its fleet of 20 space shuttles developed in the late '70s and '80s, but the usefulness of the full network of reflection stations was beginning to be questioned by U.S. corporations and politicians.

Capt. Jahn was well aware of the political significance of his mission. He knew of the growing tension between the 50 countries remaining in the Cooperative; the decision to refocus the three stations from western Africa to the eastern United States was agreed upon by only fifteen of the remaining countries in the Cooperative. His mission was to be the first in a series of similiar missions designed to pressure countries into continuing to lease the stations from the U.S. and other major supporters of

Newspaper headlines and video images flashed through Capt. Jahn's head reminding him of the glamour of being involved in the production of the first four reflection stations. Yet though his job had become routine and his presence in space had remained almost unnoticed for nearly seven years, once again Jahn's name was a household word in millions of homes around the world. His ship, the Phoenix, was distinguishable from the other 20 shuttles by the characteristic red tiles covering its bottom. The Phoenix had also been receiving notoriety for its part in missions of the past and its part in the future of the solar net-

Quartz lights illuminated the inside of the Phoenix's cargo hold as the doors slowly opened, revealing the compact booster that would propel Jahn to the control cabin of reflection station #612. Entering the cargo hold, Jahn looked down at the large blue ball clearly visible below. He wanted to finish his mission before the stations passed close to the earth's shadow. He didn't like taking unnecessary risks, and wanted to be certain that his time away from the Phoenix was short.

The engine on the compact booster rocket propelled him to the main compartment of the reflection station. He gazed away from the bright panels, as he always did, and relied on his instincts to dock the booster at the appropriate post.

inside the main compartment, lights flashed on panels in the proper sequences, indicating to Jahn that the station's program was operative. The refocusing of a station had become so routine because of the need to simulate the earth's seasons to increase crop production. The reprogramming took Jahn less than two hours, and the servicing of the station's electronics took another forty-five minutes.

Capt. Jahn was out in space and on his way toward station #613 when an amber LED inside his helmet flashed, indicating that 999-3 had received a transmission from Mission Control Beta in California. Jahn acknowledged receiving the indication and continued toward the station where he docked the booster at #-613. After entering the main compartment he plugged himself

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999-3 immediately placed Capt. Jahn on Beta's frequency and Depar

program for communicating short distances.

Mission Control Beta replied, "Richard, buddy, how's the space up there today?'

"Very funny, Dave. The space today is black and the earth is helme blue. What's the word today from the brass?" Jahn replied less than jovially.

Sensing the Captan's mood, Dave at Mission Control changed to a more business-as-usual approach. "Richard, I just wanted to let you know that there has been talk of extending your mission to service two more stations.

"What are you talking about? Who's giving the orders down

'Now listen Richard, don't get all hot. Nothing is definite yet, this was just a warning in case they decide to...." Dave's voice trailed off as he realized the futile nature of his message. Captain, continue your fine work up there. All of us down here are behind you 110 percent."

"Thanks Dave. Jahn of Phoenix at #613, out." "Mission Control Beta, 19:10 hours, out."

Jahn contemplated why he had volunteered for this particular mission. It had not been his turn in the rotation, but things just were not going well at home. Koda, the eldest of Jahn's two sons, had recently been temporarily assigned to a new government academy in the mid-western U.S., and his younger son, Ilfo, had recently encountered problems from overusing some legal stimulants. Jahn felt he just had to get away and isolate himself with 999-3's intellectuality and the Phoenix's solitude.

Jahn had just plugged himself into the console at the third reflection station when 999-3 paged him on the SRT. A transmission form Beta, Jahn thought. It was Beta.

"Beta to Phoenix, are you receiving?"

"Yes, Dave, Richard here in #614. Has there been any news about those other two stations?" Jahn really didn't want to know. He had even considered creating some radio malfunction so that he could return to earth following the refocusing of station #614, but he had never had any malfunctioning equipment, and he prided himself on completing every assignment.

"Richard, the orders come from the very top. After #614 you are to take the booster to station #399 and receive further orders there. No questions now, please Richard. That's all I know.' Dave literally blurted out without any chance for interruption. Jahn was silent. "Richard, did you receive the transmission?" Captain Jahn didn't know what to say. Station #399 was a long way from the Phoenix, and he would be in darkness when he had

into the computer console and contacted 999-3 through the short and it range transmission (SRT) device regularly used by the space

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# Project SUNSPOT

By Mitch Cohen

cross back to return to his ship.

"Jahn from Phoenix. Orders received," the captain said irtly. "Dave, is there any chance I could dock the Phoenix at #-1 and proceed to #399 from there?" Jahn inquired with some

"Not a chance Richard. As I said, this is a high priority ission. The orders come from the very top. I can't tell you hything except that you probably wouldn't arive at #399 in

"In time for what?" Capt. Jahn wondered aloud.

"Richard, I told you I don't know anything else. You will be ven further orders at #399," Dave replied.

"Who authorized this mission? The commander?"

"Yes, Captain, your orders come directly from the Comander," Dave replied. "And above," he added with some esitation. "Captain Jahn, proceed to #399 by booster imediately following your work at #614. Mission Control Beta,

"Capt. Jahn from Phoenix at #614, out." Jahn wondered what is new aspect of his mission was all about. He had never ceived an order from above the Commander. He wondered hat was going on at Mission Control and in the White House.

Before finishing his work at #614 it occured to Jahn that he ould have 999-3 monitor all land-based communications to try nd figure out what the purpose of the mission was supposed to e, and why it was so urgent. Only a little while after relaying e instructions to 999-3 via SRT, the console flashed that there as a reply. 999-3 began displaying the data on the console's oniter. After reading five screens of information, Jahn ecided that perhaps there was no reason for concern. Either at, or he had given 999-3 the wrong instructions.

Jahn interrupted the flow of data. He asked 999-3 how much formation it had compiled that was relevant and 999-3 replied at there remained 78,343 characters of data, or the equivalent 87 more screens. Perhaps something was wrong, Jahn ought. He asked 999-3 to summarize the data, and was shocked

what followed.

Apparently more had occured in international politics since he d launched than in the last several years. The USSR was ntemplating backing out of the Cooperative. Japan had stoped oduction of the spare parts necessary to keep all of the ations operational, and the United States had discovered a new ergy source that rivaled solar energy. The only difficulty that emained if the stations were shut down would be that they had ill not been paid off, and several American corporations could se billions of dollars. Also, although the U.S. could survive ith its new-found source of energy, crop production around the obe would immediately decrease, leaving millions of people

Jahn asked 999-3 where station #399 was presently focused, nd it replied that stations #390 to #450 were presently focused on e USSR. Jahn instructed 999-3 to monitor all classified and on-classified Russian frequencies through one of the Defense epartment's communication satellites. He finished his work at 14 and proceeded in his booster rocket to station #399

While passing station #538 a red LED flashed inside Jahn's elmet. The rate of oscillation told him that it was an nergency. He turned the booster toward the nearest station so

at he could receive the message from 999-3.

The transmission was not from Beta, it was from the Phoenix. 9-3 had received Russian broadcasts on a military frequency ready surface to air ballistic missles. Something was efinitely wrong, but Jahn had no idea exactly how he was inolved. He thought that if his mission was defense related his ders would have instructed him to return to the Phoenix and ack some satellites. Whatever was happening he was not appy to be so far from the Phoenix. Perhaps the Russians were anning on destroying his ship. Everything was unclear.

Data flashed accross the station's monitor at an amazing rate. he 999-3 had done its job well, and Jahn finally discovered what thought was happening. He had never directly disobeyed an der, but it appeared as if this time would be a first.

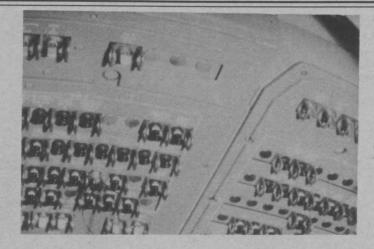
Mission Control had no idea what was happening. The hoenix's orders had come from the Commander in Chief mself. Why could he possibly want Capt. Jahn so far from the hoenix with so much political tension between the U.S. and ussia? Everyone in all three control centers hussled around necking coordinates of reflection stations and satelites and eadying the nineteen shuttles for any emergency.

Dave's pulse raced as he watched the network news. He didn't now what was happening, but he was sure that it concerned ichard Jahn. Captains were never to travel as far from their hips as Richard had been ordered to do, and Dave had been structed not to divulge the present political climate or any arrent news to him. He wanted to do something, but he didn't

"Capt. Jahn from Phoenix at #499 to Mission Control Beta." he voice came out of the speaker clear and crisp as if the aptain were in the next room. Dave pressed an intercom link so at the entire control room could hear the broadcast. The resident was informed of the transmission immediately by a rect telephone link to the capital.

"Richard, your orders are classified. They will be delivered to e momentarily," Dave said with a certain degree of dread. "Dave, what is going on down there?" Jahn asked, trying to

de his restrained hysteria. "Richard, I honestly don't know."



"You don't know, or can't say? Which is it Dave?"

"Captain, I don't know, please be patient. Your orders will be here momentarily. Why don't you sit back and relax, you have been working awfully hard lately." Dave hoped that Richard would interpret his message properly. He did, but it didn't matter. A crack came across the speaker and then there was merely static. "Captain, are you with us?" Dave asked anxiously. There was no reply. The word circulated around the control room in an instant; communication had been lost.

It was evident in a matter of minutes that the station #499 had been destroyed. The tracking stations lost all sign of over a dozen reflection stations. Everyone wondered what had happened. Soon everyone all over the country knew. Every radio and television immediately had the story. The Russians had exploded fifteen of the stations with a few ICBMs.

The orders came to Mission Control shortly afterwards to bring the Phoenix down under its own control. It was always believed that a shuttle could land itself although it had never been done before. Mission Control Beta readied itself for the operation. Everyone in the control room was still in shock. They went about their duties like robots, performing, but not thinking about anything except the captain.

Meanwhile, the men in Washington were getting international exposure. It was soon common knowledge that an American astronaut, Captain Richard Jahn, was aboard one of the reflection stations doing routine maintainance when the Russians destroyed them. Although the Russians had bought and paid for all of their stations, and no one really knew exactly why they had decided to destroy them, it was a great embarassment for them to have killed an American astronaut.

The State Department demanded an explanation, but there wasn't one. The world was on the brink of another war, one between the super-powers. Most countries immediately allied themselves with the United States because of the incident. Anti-Russian sentiments were quickly growing throughout the world. Everyone was tense, anticipating the worst. Although one dead astronaut probably would not bring about full scale war, no one was exactly sure what would happen.

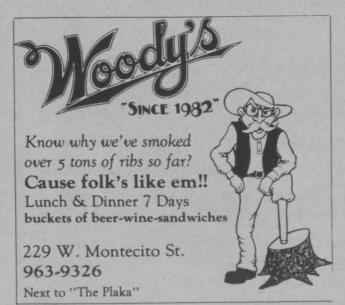
Hours passed with a flurry of activity in every capital and embassy all over the world. Finally the Phoenix was landed at Mission Control Beta in California. The landing had been played up by all of the world's media. Older newspeople remembered the great excitement that had surrounded the first few shuttle landings in the 1980's. However, today's landing of the Phoenix was interpreted somberly. It had been marred by the death of the first shuttle pilot ever.

The red underbelly came into view high above in the sparse clouds. Broadcasters of every language could be heard at the long unused observation site. The Phoenix circled once and then glided down to the runway. Mission Control Beta shut down all systems by remote control and the runway technicians quickly approached the shuttle to kill the heat.

The State Department had not yet determined the proper course of action. The flight controlers at Mission Control Beta were done with the Phoenix mission and finally realized exactly what had happened. The entire country grieved because of the Captain's death, and waited with both fear and excitement to learn what would follow. The Defense Department had mobilized both ground and air units.

It had all happened so fast no one knew what had happened. The television cameras were all pointed towards the Phoenix and the broadcasters were finishing up their live reports of the landing when the side hatch opened up. Captain Richard Jahn waved jubilantly from high on top of the Phoenix as the world stared in astonishment. What had happened? Why was he still

The Russians were relieved. The Americans were highly embarrassed. No body knew exactly what had happened except the captain and 999-3. The State Department couldn't answer any questions, because they didn't know. The President awarded the captain with a medal right there on the runway, even though he had disobeyed a direct order. Even the President wondered what had happened. When he asked Jahn, the captain replied that he had known everything would work out. For-



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Nervously he took a last look around the almost too tidy room. It was nearly she danced in happily. seven o'clock and everything was ready. Soft music played on the stereo, he had him a warm hug and just finished cooking dinner, bounced over to the stereo to and he had to admit to put on the sounds of her himself that he looked pretty favorite rock group. He grit damned good. As he glanced his teeth, thinking of the in the mirror for some time he'd spent selecting reassurance of this fact, he just the right music. So she exhaled slowly. This was it was in a good mood tonight, this time he would go through with it.

The sound of the doorbell interrupted his thoughts, and "Ummm...smells good. What's cooking?" She gave was she? He promised himself that he'd let that

make no difference to him.

"I made lasagne - my mother's special recipe," he replied lightly.

'Oh, it sounds delicious, only I wish I hadn't eaten so much for lunch. I don't have much of an appetite.'

He felt another sharp jab of irritation. She was never completely satisfied. After tonight he wouldn't have to put up with any more. No more complaining, no more bad moods, and no more hearing that soft voice say, "You're the best thing that's ever happened to me," no more knowing she would always care... He stopped those thoughts abruptly. He had to concentrate on the bad things — then it would be

"Sit over here and we'll go ahead and eat," he urged, pulling out a chair for her. As she sat down, the scent of her perfume drifted toward him — the smell that was so definitely hers. He might never know that scent again, and if he met another woman wearing that perfume, he would have to turn the other way... His eyes began to feel

"Honey, are you okay? What's wrong?" Her voice was filled with concern. "Did you have a hard day at work? Sit down and tell me about it."

"Oh no, I'm fine — just a little tired." He laughed unconvincingly and quickly set the food on the table, seating himself across from her. As she dished up her salad, he looked at her thoughtfully, focusing on her confident, unworried manner. Looking up and catching his stare, she smiled sweetly.

During the entire meal she

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chattered away non-stop, telling him about her new classes at the university, and how she was sure she was mean!" She clasped his going to love them. She looked so cute when she was married right away, too, but enthused, but had she ever asked him again about his day? No. She must not really care at all. That was it - she did not care. Why, she was downright selfish, that's what she was. This shouldn't be hard at all, this thing he had to do. He breathed a deep sigh of relief.

As they sat down on the sofa after dinner, she looked at him closely. "You haven't said more than two words this evening! Why did you let me go on and on about myself? And why are you so quiet tonight? Is everything well for you?

Not exactly. Uh, well...you know when I said that I thought we would get married someday? I've been

thinking, uh...thinking about it, and I decided...'

"Oh, I know what you hand lovingly. "I want to get we have got to be practical. I know it'll be hard, but let's wait a year."

He looked down at her hand and back at her smiling face, mumbling, "I guess you're right." He was in a whirlpool, getting pulled in deeper when all he wanted to do was swim away. How did that you'd never be able to time."

get along, that you weren't right for each other?"

"Come on — let's go to the show, my treat." She tried to pull him off the sofa, but of course she wasn't strong enough. "That dinner was fabulous, and the least I can do is take you out on the

He rose slowly to his feet and with a gesture of defeat he helped her on with her coat. As he opened the door for her he thought to himself, "Next time I'll do it. I'll tell you tell someone you loved her just how it is...next

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Black headlines scream: China syndromes and recession, war and registration. Hey, it's us! This age, my age and we're faced with horrors that seek the obliteration of the human race.

I listen hard, I do and hear the pulsation of power-hungry, button-pushing who wouldn't hesitate where I would and it scares me.

I can't hear the blossoms fall.



# Tangible Things

(continued from page 3A)

the road that goes through the cornfields and over the hill above the vacation cottages and the frozen pond to the inn. Still feeling last night's port as a stiffness in your neck and beneath your shoulders, your hand in your pocket touches the leaf (a maple leaf) and you feel five years old. Someone will say, "Did you find that on your walk? Show us, won't you?" And you might offer it up, cupped in both hands.

Your jacket rustles and crinkles and then startles you with silence when you stop to notice the bare vines climbing the power poles to cross over the road by the wires that run to the last house on this side of the hill.

In the rain you pick up the leather boot beside a torn sofa, wondering what it must like to be a shoe. Wanting to know.

What might she have said if, as she lay under the pink blanket on the couch under the window, you had told her that she was the reason you couldn't sleep? She haunted you still as she had haunted you then, making you wonder if she had ever been more real than a shadow. Even now did it excite you to pretend it was she sighing under you, pressing her head back into the pillow?

The sandy gravel sounds swish, crunch as you move along the road furrowed by snow tires, carrying with you the tangible things of this world like memory and lust. Hearing a sound you turn almost in time to catch the leaf that has been following you down the hill but has now stopped, trying to look innocuous beside the puddle.

The clouds lower to the tops of the trees as you cross the meadow behind the inn. The last patches of snow covering the dead leaves snap underfoot as the blue healers leave the slate steps to the kitchen to come barking, only to whimper and wave their tails when you kneel in the snow before them.

It is so warm inside that your glasses fog going through the narrow hall, finding your new wife curled in the big white chair beside the fire in the study. On the shelf the phonograph needle slides along dark grooves as outside the rain turns to sleet, stinging the windows and falling into the flower bed. And your new wife putting aside her book to rise:

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Two lovers sat beneath the tree, speaking of love and other related matters. The sights and sounds of man came to the isolated clearing often. The birds and squirrels appeared less and less. The great tree remained more gnarled and solemn than before. Leaves cascaded softly down.

A magnificent city grew and flourished. No birds or squirrels could be heard, people preferred "beautiful" music instead of "natural" noise. The only thing that remained of the original clearing was the ancient tree, sadder and more scarred. It was held in great honor by the men, but it was also pitted with the initials of many (carved for posterity). The city was great, the inhabitants boasted it could last forever. Leaves cascaded softly down.

There were ruins as far as the eye could see. Already the forest had begun to creep back. The tree still remained, old beyond all count. Its visage was more wrinkled than before, but many of the scars had disappeared. The squirrels and the birds had begun

### Interlude

By Chris Cockey

to reappear, bringing some cheerfulness to the gloomy landscape. Two lovers sat beneath the tree, speaking of love and other related matters. Leaves cascaded softly down.

The clearing returned. The ruins disappeared beneath green canopies. The joyful songs of birds resounded once more. Squirrels pattered and bounded in the branches of the tree. The only thing that brought a shadow to this glade was the ancient, patriarchal tree. It had seen the dawn and destruction of man, and knew that nothing was permanent. The sun brightened up the gloomy aspect; chiding the tree for its solemnity. Leaves cascaded softly down...

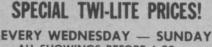




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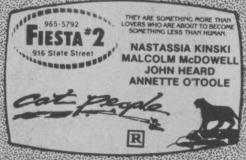
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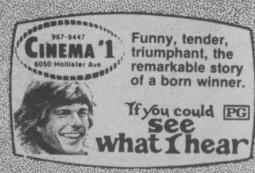
















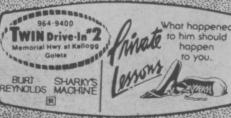




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the steering wheel so that I was back in my lane. Looking in the rear-view mirror, I checked to see if there was a trail of destruction. Phew, none. I 4:30! I stepped down on the looked forward and again began to fixate on the asphalt horizon. I took a sip of a warm Tab and turned on hadn't tried to fix the heater and accidentally screwed up the radio, rendering me tape-player-less for two hours on Highway 101.

I fiddled with the tuner and somewhere along the spectrum of static found a great! If it's not baseball or

a-dum, ba-dum, ba- music: the title is half the under the seat — I could just dum!" I jerked at song, and besides it's something to do. Soon I found myself singing along with Barbara Mandrell to "Sleepin' Single in a Double Bed." I glanced at the clock, accelerator.

I proceeded to snake my way through the maze of traffic until I noticed a the radio. I wished Mitch strange flash. Looking in my rear-view mirror I realized I was being pulled over. A hot feeling of nervousness rushed through my body as I nearly ran the other cars off the road in my attempts to get to the side. I came to a halt in a cloud of dust and gravel. Quickly, I glanced station. Country music, around my car to see if there was anything incriminating. Jews for Jesus, it's country I threw my tape of B-52's

imagine being thought of as jail and sentenced to hard

"That Time of The Month" a "Hollywood Weirdo" and and was therefore anxious to thrown into some backwoods get home. With my luck he'd probably escort me to the labor — and my tape player nearest bathroom and hand

Soft Shoulder

By Tracye Saar

wasn't even working!

I looked behind me and saw Officer Bill approaching he walked like he was saddle sore. While unrolling the window I tried to think of something to say. Speeding... let's see, my roommate once said that she would act very embarrassed and reluctantly say that she

me the ticket when I came

"Hello Miss," he said, interrupting my thoughts. "Hhhhi" I managed to

"In a hurry to get somewhere?" He was the typical cop, straight off of "CHIPS": dark aviator glasses, moustache, hand-

was caught unprepared for some but not drop-dead- reasonable! If I was the good-looking. While digging for my license I imagined my mom hearing the news of my ticket; what should I wear to my funeral?

He looked at my license. "Where are you going?"

Realizing that I wasn't trying to talk my way out of this I quickly answered. "I'm going to Santa Barbara. I go to school there, at UCSB. I'm majoring in myself, realizing that I sounded like I was in sorority rush.

said, contemplating my roomie's suggestion, "Uhh... can't afford to eat out."

"I see," he said. I didn't like the way he said that. I knew exactly what he was thinking as he spied the Gucci luggage in the back seat and the meticulous Simonizing of my BMW 320i. I sank down in my crushed velour seat. He stopped his scrutinizing and said, "Well, I think I should — " BZZZZ-ZZZ "Hold on a sec." The radio on his motorcycle had graduate!" just been a faint crackling in the background until now. He ran back to answer it.

it gave me time to think. I forget to study.' was nervous. It gave me of the corner of my eye and said what I had done. Sure, smiled. "I was speeding so I won't starve." Great alibi! And "I really made things look

smart college co-ed I thought I was I would've said that I had a midterm or, better yet, that I had been down to L.A. to pick up some notes for my professor to lecture from and he needed them ASAP. Or... I couldn't believe it.

"Missing dinner!"

I heard his boots digging in the gravel as he returned. He leaned in the window. I psychology..." I stopped couldn't believe he was so close — too close. I twisted. around so that he wasn't looking into my ear. "Let me "So what's the hurry? he tell you something Miss asked again. "Uhh...," I Maxwell."

This is wonderful, 1 thought, a ticket and a I have to get back before six lecture from a cop wearing or else I'll miss dinner and I dark glasses so I can't tell where's he's looking. Seemingly hearing my complaint, he removed his disguise. I felt myself falling in lust. He had deep, warm blue eyes that transformed him from "Barney Miller" into a hunk straight out of "GQ." "I'm just going to give you a warning - Slow down. You're gonna be at that college for four years. I want you to live to

> "Oh, thank you!" I stammered, hoping I wasn't

'Now stop being a lead-I was glad to be left alone; foot," he smiled, "and don't

I thanked him again. As he time to think of how nervous walked away I checked him I was; I saw the luggage out out in the rear-view mirror - he had a cute little butt. winced. I couldn't believe I "Definite GQ material," I

Relieved, I started my car, took another sip of warm can't afford to eat out." That Tab, and continued on my

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ISA: Meeting, UCen 2292, 7 p.m. Film: "The King and I, Physics 1610, 5, 7:30, 10 p.m.

Saturday, May 1

NATIONAL MONTH OF SPEECH AND HEARING A.S. Legal Aid Program: UCen 2292, 9:30 a.m. KTMS Challenge: San Luis Obispo to Santa Barbara Bike Race. Music: University Symphony Orchestra, LLCH, 8 p.m. Chicano Grad Dance: W/ Disc Jockey, Old Gym, 8:30 p.m. \$4/\$5.

#### Sunday, May 2

Film: "Gigi," CH, 7 & 9:30 p.m., students \$1.50, general \$2. Music: Town and Gown Music Series, Faulkner Gallery, S.B. Library. Music: Guest Organ Recital, LLCH, 8 p.m. Double Feature: The Front and What's Up Tiger Lily, Chem 1179, 1, 4, 7 & 10

#### Monday, May 3

END OF FIRST HALF OF SPRING QUARTER Program Board: Meeting, UCen 2284, 5 p.m.

#### Tuesday, May 4

Bike Club: Elections, UCen 2272, 7:30 p.m. CAB: Blood Drive, Pav., 1-4.

MFA Exhibition: Michael Foster, painting, Art Museum, through May 9. Kundalini Yoga Club: Class, UCen 2292, 8 p.m.

Sailing & Windsurfing Team: Meeting, UCen 2284, 6 p.m.

Lecture: "Communication: How Men Do It," Jonathan Young, SHS Conf.

Room, 5:30 p.m. BSU: Meeting, Phelps 1444, 7 p.m.

Lecture: "An Evening with Icelandic Filmmaker Agust Gudmnudsson," Broida 1610, 7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, May 5

CAB: Blood Drive, Pav. 10-4. Pilipino Students Union: Meeting, UCen 2292, 6 p.m. S.I.M.S.: Intro Lecture, UCen 2272, 8 p.m. Tournament Water Ski Club: Meeting, Girv 2110, 6:15 p.m.

GCF: Prayer Meeting, UCen 2292, 8 a.m.

Lecture: Poets on Stilts: "Years and Some Contemporaries" Andrew Mellon, Buch 1930, 3 p.m. Presentation: "How to Get a Job in Management," UCen 2284, 3:15-5 p.m.

#### Thursday, May 6

Theater: "Breakfast of Champions," Studio Theatre, 8 p.m. Film: Rosalie, CH, 7, 9:30 p.m. Students \$1.50, general \$2. Rap Group: UCen 2284, 7:30 p.m.

Lecture: "The Meaning of Freedom, Swami Dayanda Saraswati, Girv 1004, 3 /.m. Baha'i Club: Fireside meeting, UCen 2294, 7 p.m.

#### ANNOUCEMENTS

Merhaba Folk Dance Club will not meet in the Old Gym on April 30, May 7 or 14 (Fridays) but will meet again on May 21 at 7:30 p.m. Beginning International Dances will be taught from 8 to 9 p.m., with opening dancing afterwards until 11

# So Much Depends

**By Ross West** 

He heard a muffled padding sound and looked up. A moment passed until the soft fingers grasped and turned the doorknob allowing Lynn into the living room. She wore a pink and white granny nightgown flowing from the laced and buttoned neck to the floor: soft flannel decorated with angels. Benny sat with his arms stretched straight out and resting on the sofa's back, his legs crossed before him. On the coffee table a magazine lay opened to a photo of a red wheelbarrow glazed with rainwater beside some white chickens.

"I can't sleep so well," Lynn said.

Benny was not sleepy at one when she went to her room, so he decided to watch television for a while. The movie he halfheartedly watched was only slightly more a whodunit than a whahappened. Far more elusive than the thief's fingerprints was the director's hand.

"What time is it?" she asked.

"Ten past two," he said. She flexed and stretched her shoulders, then rolled her head. "One of my backrubs would konk you right out — guaranteed."

"That sounds like a good idea," she said. "In a while, okay?" Lynn sat on the sofa stiffly and full of thought just a few feet to his right. She was quite aware of his hand so near her, and of her nakedness beneath the warm flannel.

Earlier that day he had asked her, "What's there to see in this city?"

"I've only been here a month," she replied, "but I hear there is a beautiful park up in the hills.'

"Let's go," he said. Being that he didn't know her all that well - she was the best friend of a girl with whom he'd just broken up -Benny was lots less interested in seeing scenery than in talking with her and getting to know her better than their occasional chats and double dates over the last six months had allowed. He also had a confession to make.

They stood on an old wooden observation platform jutting out of the precipitous side of an overgrown canyon. The foggy pacific climate supported a valley pregnant with life. This day the bright colors were subdued and faded in the smoke and haze of a distant fire.

"When I saw you last week I really had a good time," he

"I'm glad. You'll have to stop by the next time you get up here."

"I, y'know, I haven't been having the greatest luck lately. Breaking up with Sandy and all. Then I'm up here talking to you and getting to know you so much better than before. That was such a, a...real kick. You seem to see things a little differently from anybody else I know, like the things you said about the shadows on the hills at sundown. They really stuck in my mind; I never saw it like that before. I...anyway, I wanted to tell you that I thought about you a lot last week and-'

"I thought a lot about you too," she said shoving her hands deep into the pockets of her jeans.

"Really?" he said sur-

prised.

"Yeah."

thoughtful sound, though not hoping somebody would be really thinking much, just just dying to hire me, and feeling pleased. "Anyway, nobody was. So job-hunting when I got to San Francisco I all day and sitting around was - you know the story - mostly reading at night, I alone, and like I said on the thought about you a lot." His

phone the job-hunting went lousy. I felt so crummy "Hmmm," he made a knocking on doors all day

hands played upon the heavy wood railing worn smooth by how many such moments. "I told you on the phone that I wrote you a poem; I wrote it Wednesday

realized...Hmmm..." His eyes roved the darkening on them." canyon and sky. Twice they then quickly jumped away.

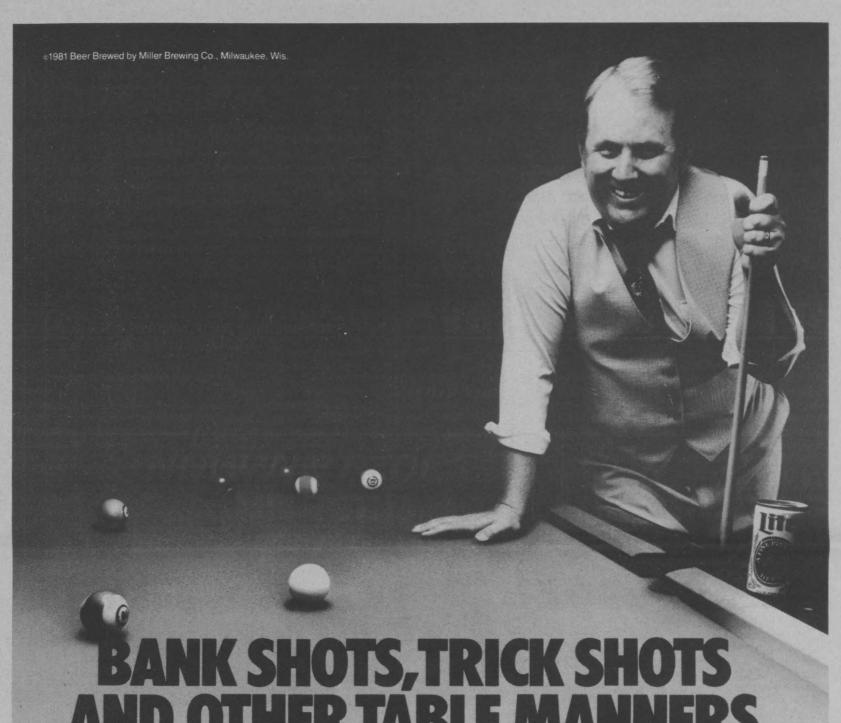
In a distracted voice he was...Wednesday. Wait, no,

asked, "Are the leaves on that branch over there a different color from the rest of the leaves?"

"That is the underside of on the bus from your place to the leaves," she said, "they San Francisco. Well, by are a lighter color on that side, and they're softer. They have a sort of powder

"Huh," he said, "...so, rested on her small form what was I saying? Oh yeah, looking up from beside him, so, somewhere in the middle of the week - I think it

it must have been ... po." His. speech jerked forward in leaps like a car with a bad clutch. "Well, I guess the day doesn't matter much. In the middle of the week I realized," he took a theatrically long drag of air, "I had some sort of high school crush on you." Immediately he raised his hands before himself interjecting, "Don't worry, I spent the last half of the (continued on page 12A)



I'm gonna teach you a coupla things that'll 1) impress your friends. and 2) maybe lose some friends.

All you need is good eyesight, a little dexterity, and three essentials: a pool table, pool cue, and some Lite Beer from Miller.

#### CHEAP SHOTS

Here's a goodie. I call it the "Cheap Shot." Place a ball on the edge of the corner pocket. Then, take a half-dollar and lean it against the side rail at the other end of the table. (If you don't have a half-dollar, you can always write home to your parents: they'd love to hear from you.)

Tell your friends you're gonna sink the ball in the corner, using the half-dollar as a cue ball. It's not hard. Hit the coin solidly on the edge, just above the center, and it will roll along the rail knocking the ball in the pocket. But don't forget to scoff up the half-dollar. Because you're not

supposed to lose money doing trick shots-just win Lite Beers.

#### THE COIN TRICK

This one drives people nuts Place a ball on the head spot. With the chalk, make a circle around it, approximately 8" in diameter. Then put a quarter or half-dollar on top of the ball. (Yes, you can use the same one from before, or you can write home to your parents again.) Place the cue ball behind the foot line and have your friends



IN A BEER. AND LESS.

by Steve Mizerak

try to knock the coin out of the circle. Chances are, they won't be able to (this is a good time to work on your Lite beer and act smug).

When you shoot, do one of two things: hit the object ball head-on with follow-through so the cue ball knocks the coin out, or hit the cue ball very, very slowly so the coin rolls off the object ball.

#### **TABLE MANNERS**

Now for simple table etiquette. After you've "hustled" your friends, you gotta keep 'em. So do what I call "Clearing the Table." Simply offer to buy the next round of Lite Beer. They'll all clear the table fast and head for the bar (or to your room or apartment). Then, once they all have Lite (just one apiece-you're not too rich, remember), tell them with Lite in hand and a smirk on your face that your shots were no big deal-you were just showin' off.

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week getting myself un-crushed." He looked at her with open, honest eyes vouching for the truth of his words. "I want to give you the poem — it's better than most of my stuff - but I don't want to confuse you. It's sort of ... " he made a goo-goo eyed face. "That's why I told you about the crush and that it is over now.'

She laughed at the funny face, though all during his rambling nervous words she watched him closely with her bright aquamarine eyes. She was lovely. A strong and capable woman: passionate and compassionate. He handed her the poem and she read it.

Her lover, Jim, with whom she had lived for two years was out of the country now sailing from South Africa to Hong Kong. They were good for each other and planned on being together for a long, long time. Circumstances, however, seemed to have a different plan. Jim had supported them for their last few months together during which time Lynn could find no work. When Jim was suddenly called to help crew the faraway boat - a great opportunity which, like a great tragedy, isn't planned, but simply identified and acted on — it was financially necessary to close their household. Lynn moved 350 miles north, near San Francisco, to where work was easier to find. She got a job and set up her own apartment. Jim's own boat — small and old, but of limitless value to him — was moored in the south. And where Jim's boat was moored, so moored was Jim. A problem.

Now, at a little after 2 a.m., she said, "When we talked this afternoon at the park there were some things I wanted to say, too. I couldn't think of how to say them then. It takes me a while sometimes to get at what I really feel." She hugged her legs before her with both arms, resting her chin on her left knee and looking at him. Her pink toes peeked out from under her nightgown's hem. "While I couldn't sleep I thought of how to say it."

He nodded for her to continue.

"I wanted to say that I felt just about the same way you

said you felt; that I had a crush on you."

Earlier in the week it hadn't taken Benny long to realize that his feelings were the child of loneliness in the absence of Sandy, and his strong attraction to Lynn. He would handle the loneliness, he had thought, and being close to her as a friend would allow him to enjoy her personality. Benny knew Jim, too, and liked him. He also liked the way Jim and Lynn got along together. What Benny strongly disliked was the idea of disrupting their world. Having thus decided, the issue was, at least in his mind, closed.

So now he listened to Lynn's words matter-of-factly, and was quietly flattered. He recognized that her declaration had probably been the cause of her insomnia and again offered a backrub. She said it would be nice, then got up to

While she was gone he grew gleeful. He knew how much he cared for her, and if she cared for him in the same way their young friendship had a promising future. He thought about Woody Allen and Groucho Marx not wanting to be in any club, or with any woman bad off enough to have him. Benny believed just the opposite. Anyone who would show him kindness and affection certainly deserved them in return. Lynn had voiced such feelings and he now felt himself flooded with delight being closer than ever to her.

She returned to her seat sipping her milk. Their conversation drifted to lighter matters. While they talked Benny looked at the back of Lynn's pretty head. The curve of her head from pate to nape, covered as it was by her whitish-gold hair fascinated him. The inviting spectacle lay only four inches from his outstretched hand. He felt like a boy scout desirous to explore, and the extent of ploration was so limited, so simple. Certainly, he thought, their feelings were quite in tune. Certainly she would love for me to touch her, to run my hand over her beautiful

Then he saw a movie. He touched her, and stroked the soft, warm hair slowly and very controlled two or three times. She purred at his touch. Slowly, like a wind-caressed windmill blade her head dropped in a langorous arc coming to rest upon his lap. He smoothed her glorious child-like hair, then led his hand to her soft, ruddy face. He leaned forward and kissed the top of her head. She looked up. Their

No! Not tonight, not with Lynn. No tawdry embraces with their whiny regrets. I have a shot at a great friendship with Lynn, or I have a good chance of wrecking that friendship, and wrecking what she and Jim have. No!

While all this mental squalling blew first one way, then the other, their conversation ebbed. Lynn took her empty glass to the kitchen. She returned and stood beside him.

"I am glad for tonight, and happy," she said. Looking up at her he said, "Me too."

"Well, I think I'm ready to sleep now."

"Okay, goodnight."

"Goodnight," she said smiling a little and walking to the

"Oh," he remembered, "Do you want your backrub

"No, that's okay, I think I'm pretty sleepy."

"Okay," he said content.

She took one more step to the door and stopped. She looked at him quite peacefully and naturally. "Is that okay with you?" she asked.

"Sure," he said without hesitation. As her perfect blonde footsteps receded, Benny thought of her last words. The huge smile on his face eventually dissolved into a happy



**Arostically John** 

By William Rothschild

I was not much too young when you arrived Not yet capable of learning your message

My mind grew as I learned your song Enticements of peace filled my thoughts Many was the time I sat in wonder Of your capacity for love and giving Right through peace, not through might You gave us the key to change our world

Oceans of blue; yellow submarines Flights through the sky with diamonds and rings

Joy filled us all who loved in your world Of make-believe places and tangible dreams How could we know it would all end Not peacefully, but violently through hate

Left behind, groping for reasons Evaporated hopes, caught between seasons No one was left to lead us who hurt No one had the will or the power On we struggle to cope with this world, but No one is left to dream.



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