

. . . the mind is restless, turbulent, strong, and unyeilding . . . as difficult to subdue as the wind.

-Bhagavad-Gita

it is nothing to die.
it is frightful
not to have lived.

—Victor Hugo



I swear-by my life and my love of itthat I will never live for the sake of another man, nor ask another man to live for mine.

-Atlas Shrugged





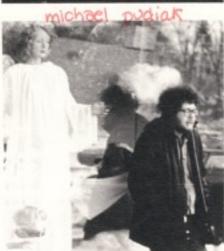


What a piece of work is man. . .



how noble in reason. . .









bow infinite in faculties. . .

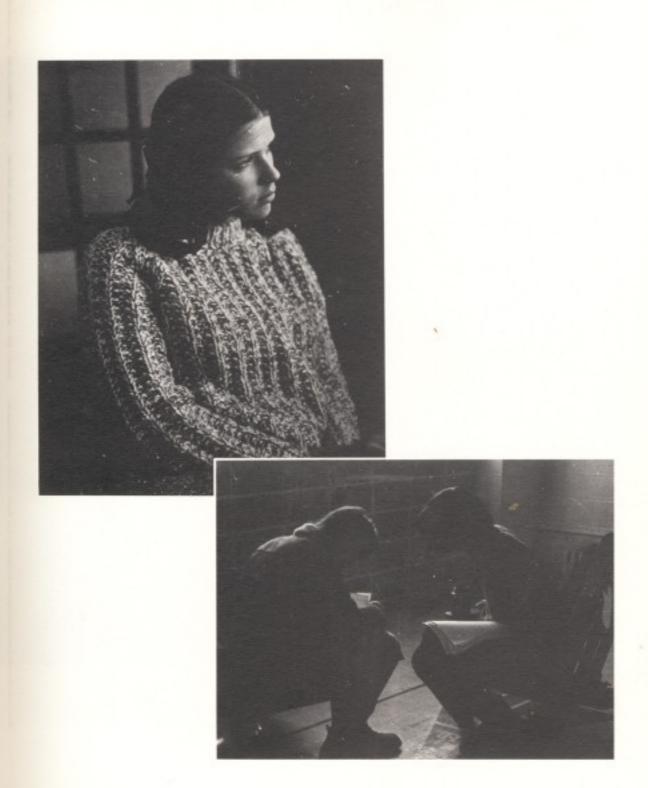




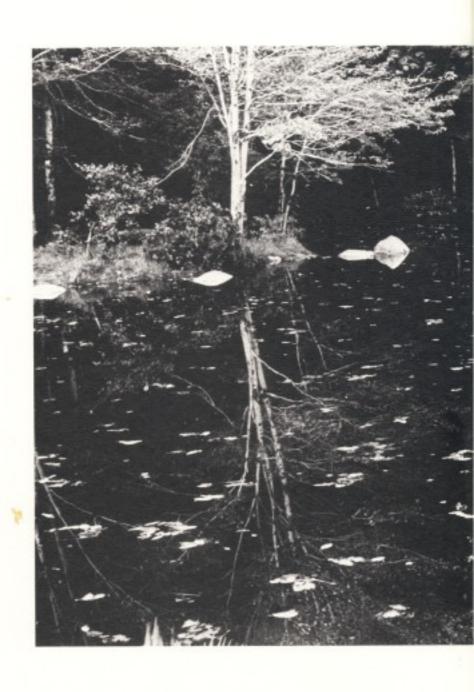
in form and moving how express and admirable . . .



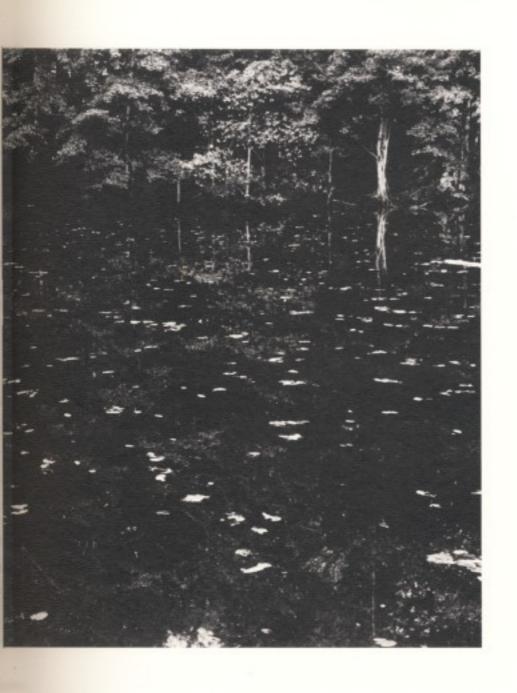
in action bow like an angel . . .



in apprehension how like a God. . .



the beauty of the world...



The paragon of animals.

—Shakespeare

Anthem To Zarathustra We are the children of Simplicity, It is in our eyes And in our Lives.

The music of A single Style Rings through our days, And upon our Lips.



We are the children of Simplicity, It is with us And of Us.

-Justin St. John



Some day soon truth will be. And it shall come without you, for it is within me. The trees will shed, the leaves will burn in anguish; my mind is the kindling, my soul is the flame. I know not when, I need not wish. I see a face, and another, and another they fuse together like sugar and water. My clarity increases, their's disappears, they self grows larger, gone are all fears, 'till finally naked it appears. There's no need for question, no reason to pout, when ends emerge, gone will be the doubt. Then whole, then free, When comes nothing or all, then you'll hear no plea.

didn't sleep all night.

and I was just lying there
in the dark prostrate & steaming;
naked, sprawled out all over
hanging my feet from the shelves
playing with my toes.
just sittin' there in the dark.







I never asked you to love me, Love is not an easy thing to grasp.

I never asked you to make me smile, It's hard to be joyous when your cities are falling.

I never asked you to be good to me, You can't even be good to yourself.

I only asked you to be honest with me But you only laughed, reached up, and kissed me.

-David Geary



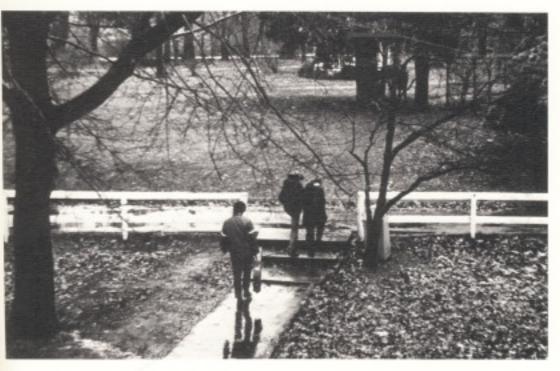


know thyself



and before the sky there are no fences facing.

-Bob Dylan





There's no art to find the minds



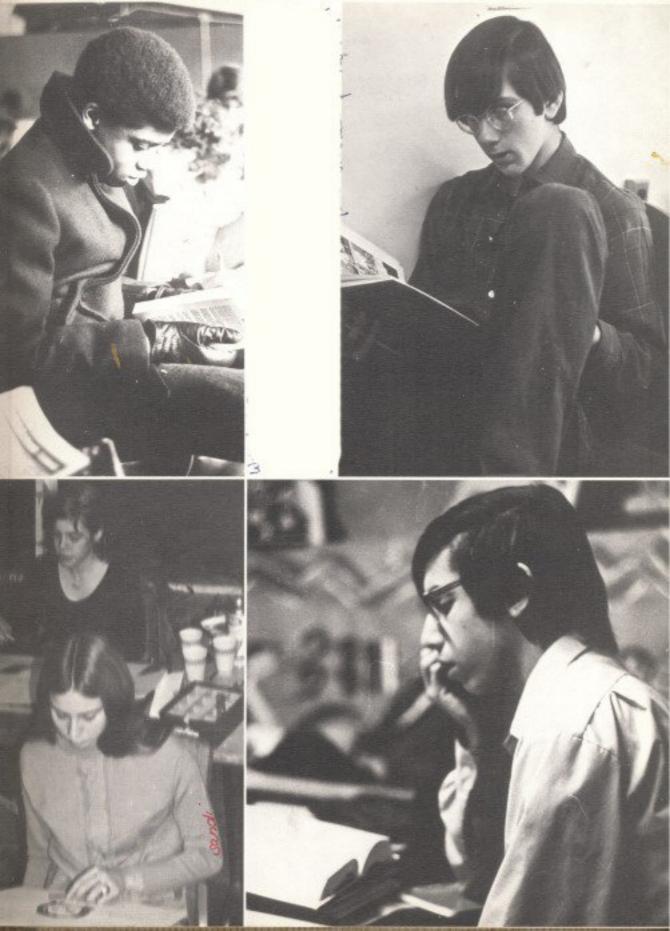




construction in the face
—Shakespeare







A blank piece of paper, a pen,
And dreams to write down
As the time goes by.
What is the poet's fancy, when
His vision becomes a noun,
An adjective, dry
Ink on a straight, still sterile line?
How can his sun shine,
Iluminate, glorious . . . and rhyme?
—Gbilaine Joumier





Lives of great men all remind us We can make our lives sublime, And, departing, leave behind us Footprints on the sands of time.

-Longfellow

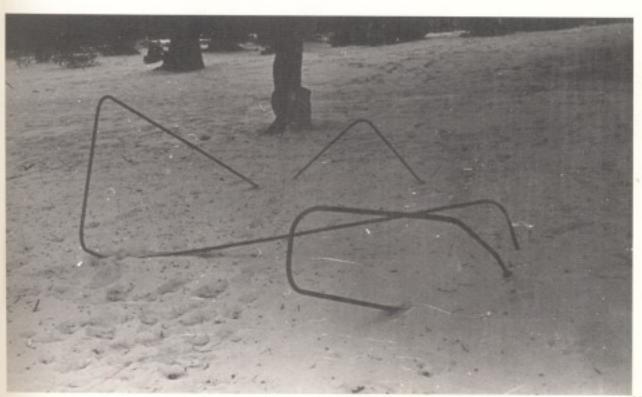


any one hand could hold me
secure so as not to be blown away
with the milkweed and fallen leaves
—Piglet







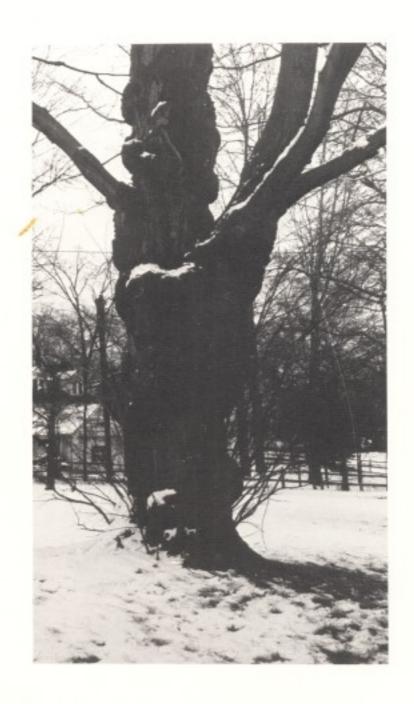


You who build these alters now to sacrifice these children you must not do it any more.

—Leonard Cohen







Christ knew what was coming off when he was hanging up on that cross and The nails were ripping into his hands Luke shakes that once having bitter won't let go. and the sun was beating down. That sun was just like the lights the cops shone on the prisoners face when they try to get him scared and talk. Christ knew what was happening. and he got scared, real scared because he said "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do," and it would really flip him out if he could see us now. "Forgive us Father, for . . ." -Peter Lewis







Sara falion







The eyes in the skull scan the page,
a flick here, a flick there,
One page is ended.

The eyes in the skull scan further on,
a flick here, a flick there,
Two pages are ended.

The eyes in the skull look up at me,
Students of yesterday, today and tomorrow,
passing by on parare,
with paste grins on carboard faces.

The eyes in the skull scan the page,
a flick here, a flick there,
the story is ended.



we go-

fly away to places unknown where life is how we make it and our persons ourselves

here



we think

far into

the

distance

and life we can't change? and people creep into

places

unknown

unthought ideas

and unfinished sentences

wasted motions

and useless heroes

with passions forgotten

in

places unknown

-Bessy Platnick



And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed.

-Gibran













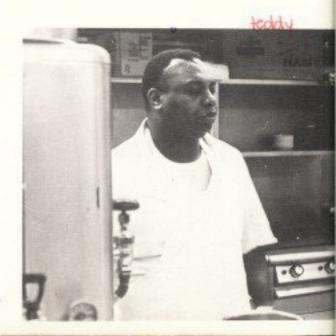




Lunthtime faceless forms of not-people surround me making loud and painful noises proof of existence that each can whip ou. and flash at the others when the paranoia gets to be too much. how long, how much time will pass before soft summer honey glazes over their harshness -Sue Wise





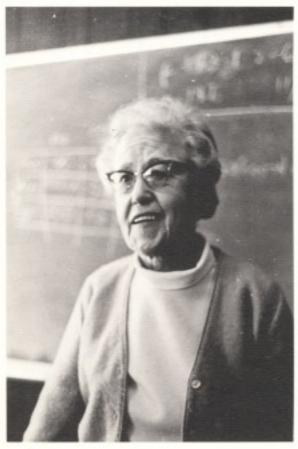






Outside Encounters &





Auc:
May all your sheam
some time Town having
you in the Down. Will
miss you my much.
Leve

Mrs H

To the Students of C.L.S. Wisdom Take time to work It is the price of success. Take time to think-It is the source of power. Take time to play-It is the secret of perpetual youth. Take time to tead-It is the fountain of wisdom. Take time to be friendly-It is the road to happiness. Take time to dream-It is hitching your wagon to a star. Take time to love and to be loved-It is the privilege of the gods. Take time to look around-It is too short a day to be selfish. Take time to laugh-It is the music of the soul.

-Mrs. Horvath







...The darkness is all around me,
I grope and fumble
Trying to find my way . . .

—Carol Chapman



alex ladonne







a brown leaf lying on the ground; memories of green leaves past.



A thought of love
A dream of beauty
A ray of sun
A drop of water
The makings of life.

—Tedd Hochberg

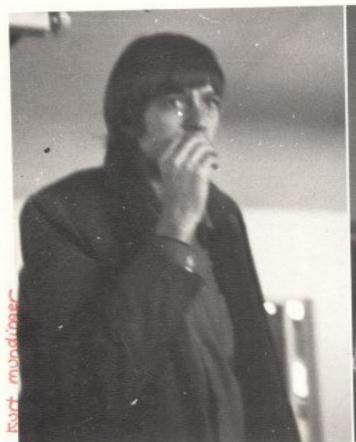








We'll talk in present tenses. —Joni Mitchell









and any
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fill his life
up with thing
he can see
but he just
gan not touch . . .
—Bob Dylan



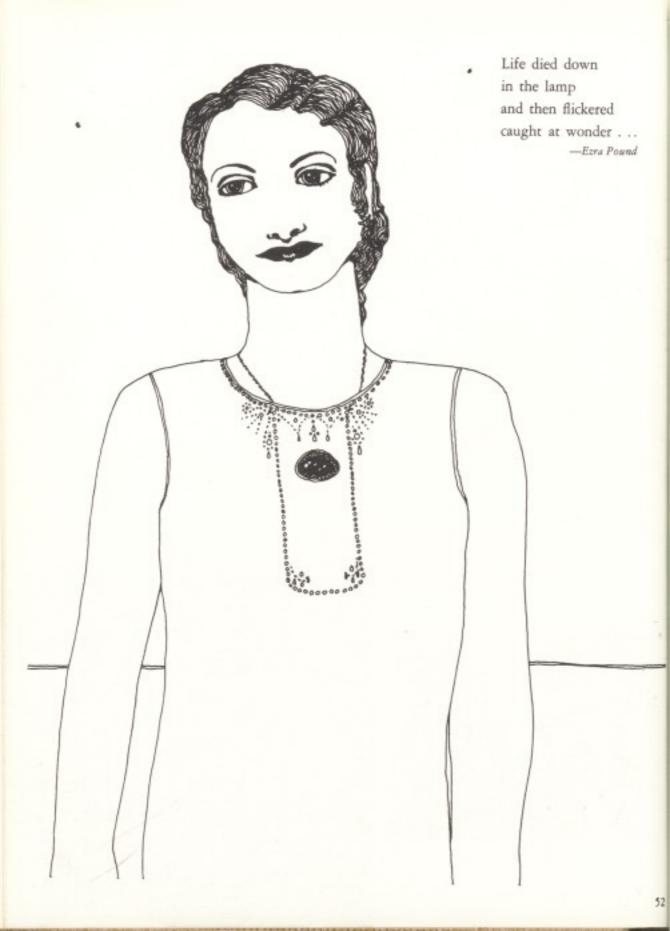
wondering why, Islo-

why
things
happen
that
way
—anon.

Into my horse-drawn coach
I shall bring you
To share in my blackness.
Clattering over dark wet streets
Encased in black velvet.
Your whiteness above me
My blackness inside you.
How shall we die?
Silently.

-David Geary











rita dipastina







"...king Jesus, he whispered it's not very far and Budha declared it's right where you are . . ."

—incredible string

The crimson blue sunset
glows as it says,
goodnight.

I search for my feelings and
rambling thoughts down narrow streets.
Come with me, I will tell you
of myself
Trust
Evil barriers . . .
Be honest with yourself.
Break down the walls of fear.
What is the purpose of all this?
Alone
I stand upon a cliff.
The sunset

Whispers goodnight.

-Sara Falion





I've got Joy 'round my brain . . .





. . . wait and see.

—Richard Fariña





"I am young I will live . . .





I can give...

. . . You the strange Seed of day . . .



. . . Feel the change Know the Way." —Tim Buckley



I have tried in my way
to be free . . .

—Lenord Cohen

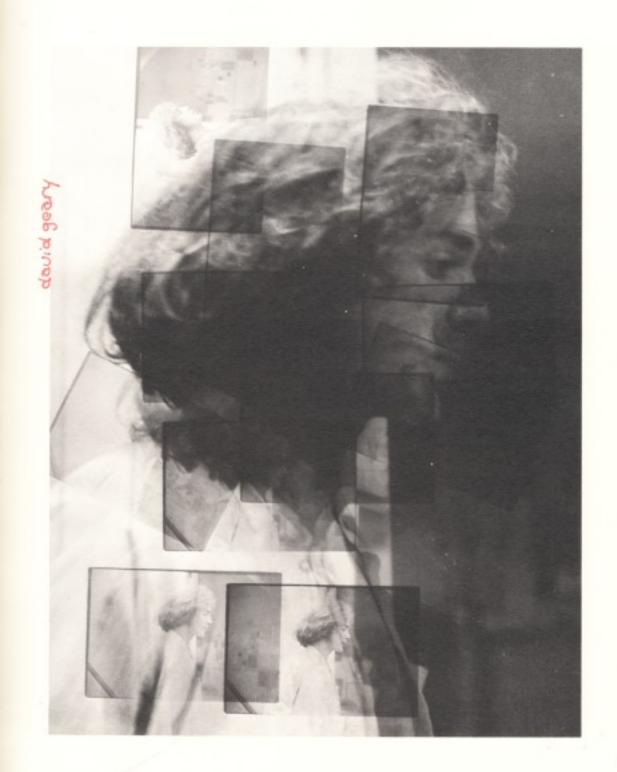


Chairos

As tide rolls leaden, swirling from these rocks, To far-dim trysts of foam and unbreathed air, Where grey expires in grey and in it locks Not death, but all-entombing life, frail cheer: Our beach grows longer, lest it nothing hold Save shreds of clam shells' empty memories. (How often on this coast the vesper tolled A stricken watcher's hope, that remedies Its faith while it despairs the ebbing knell!) So autumn-shortened northeast days retreat To distances that solitary tell The late-laved sand how fresh-soiled are our feet. Defier of this permanent, changing sea, Her woman's kiss might bronze today for me.

Dreams of a Life

By the dim Norwalk night-day
I read Kerouac and dream
San Francisco
Moonlit bars
The roaming streets
poetry
Campfire mountains in the Zen sun
A lighted pipe and peace
Snyder
And then motion
gasolining from N.Y. to L.A.
Speed
It's always Dean
Dreams of free days and fizzing in my head.
—Jeremy Burwell





The itsy bitsy spider
climbed up the water spout
Down came the rain
and washed the spider out
Out came the sun
and dried up all the rain
And the itsy bitsy spider
climbed up the spout again
—Nursery Rhyme



—the following poem originally appeared in SCRIPT magazine in 1935—

Invitation to T. S. Eliot by Basil Burwell

Will you come with me some night
When the neon signs are crimson birds in flight
Screaming for you to clear your throat and gargle,
Praying that you may make your peace with God,
Which only makes you nod
Approval that God and gargle go together . . .
You wonder that man can praise them both forever.

Let us leave behind these enterprising lights; We shall climb upon the heights
And think a thought or two or three or four,
Staring silent in the dark;
And returning we'll remark,
"Life is fickle. Life is frail.
Life is water in a pail."

We'll wander down a twisted, semi-quiet street.

We'll chortle at the yowling of the cats in heat;

Shiver at the breathy inspiration of a flute;

Giggle at recorded-Crosby's love-torn hoot;

Mimic how the maiden pianist's scales repeat;

Echo a sad baby's moist, insistent bleat;

Hear the domestic cry of long-endured defeat;

The men who'd rather be off drinking with the boys;

The women to whom silence is an opportunity for noise;

And when they feel the need of music in their soul,

Play radios or feed themselves a player-piano roll.

They sit at home and go to bed at ten,

Concinved there is equality in men.

But you and I do not believe in much.

We leave all prattled, idle faith to such.

We stand secure behind a question mark

And sadly stare forever at the dark.

We wait for death to knock upon our gate;

And ask each other, "Have we come too soon?"

And wonder whether we have come too late.

But they, when some dawning finds them dead,

Will never to themselves have said.

"Life is fickle. Life is frail.

Life is water in a pail."

DEDICATION

to creativity

is year will beover (duh) it's

A JubJub bird
Caresses my foot with fashion.
I feel the passion.
I crush his wee body with a violent thrust,
And leave nothing but a feather to bite the dust.
I pick the feather up,
Put it in my ear,
And swallow it.

-Skip Attix

I scuff at pettiness
which plays so rough
walk up-side down
inside hand-cuffs
kick my legs
to crash it off
say okay what else
can you show me . . .
—Bob Dylan









One Bird's Flight

Trapped and mourning a young and silken bird sits crouching in a cricket cage.

She looks out, a world beyond the bars then drops her head, and sees the soiled page.

She wants to fly Moments in her shadowed tomb seem like plodding days and the passing day, an age.

And then no cry, no muffled song comes from her tightened throat This young and silken bird is gone.

-Francesca Greo

Swirls of red light smash
Against the yellow of the
Fading sun.
Orange clouds slowly pass.
High in the sky purple is
descending into the cinerama
Against the black silhouettes of the buildings
The sky throws color into the air
As grey people on the city street
Look at the sidewalk
And run to the eternal subway.

-Carol Chapman



and I must be
what I must be
and face tomorrow . . .
—Simon and Garfunkel

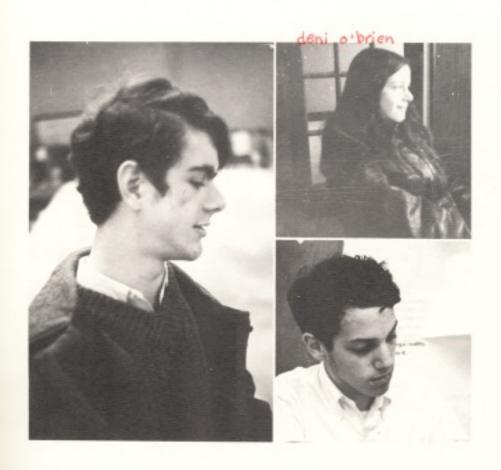




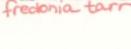








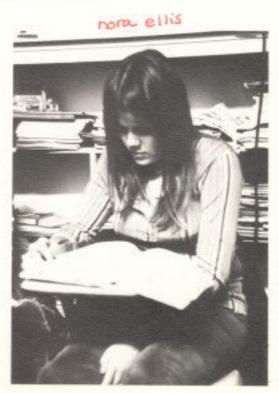












I stand so supremely solid While the people push and shout And pass me. I see myself so simply When I look inside alone but when the others I let see me Will skim through layer after layer To see me To set me free. And the crowd of people standing there are afraid of me and won't tear into me No - they don't want my layers torn. It's insurance for their own. I stand so softly fragile Because I am so afraid To let the crowd Touch deeply Into me. My eyes aim deep into space While my body sits so sadly On the ground And the pushing crowd pushes by. I bow my head. I cry. -Larry Harmon Here I am,

Alone

My thoughts,

and I

Alone, away from people

Just to be with

one's self

To think

In the forest

Trees blockading

the existing world

from me

Mystic trails

leading

to unknowns

In the distance

Pattering

Footsteps

Noises . . .

My thoughts broken.

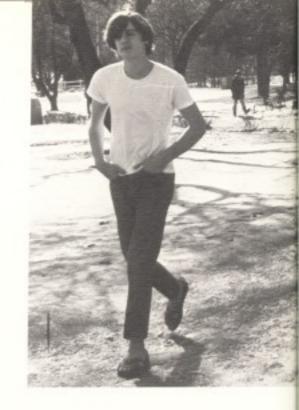
-Evelyn Simmons

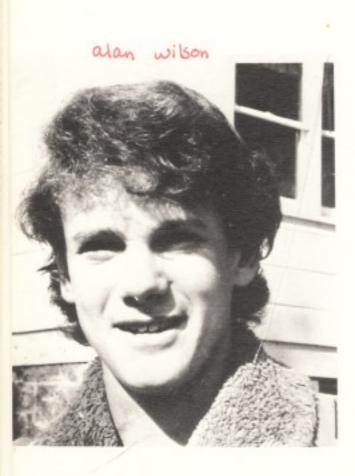


Ken lowenstein











jennifer, juniper...















Some try to tell me thoughts they cannot defend
Just what you want to be you will be in the end . . .

-Moody Blues



One band Two bands reach out Clap. Express Impress pat 'n' flatten Slap. Two bands Four bands bug together Fly. Two bands lone hands stretch forever high. -Franchesca Creo





Now all the fingers of this tree have hands and all the hands have people; and



more each particular person is alive then every world can understand . . .

-e. e. cummings



happiness runs in a circular motion thought is but a little boat upon the sea everybody is a part of everything anyway you can have everything if you let yourself be. —donavon When he was five,
on a white paper
with blue lines he
wrote a poem, and he
called it CHOPS, which
was the name of his dog,
and what the poem was about and
he brought it home and
his parents hung it on
the kitchen door, and
his father tucked him in

when he went to sleep.

on a yellow paper with

When he was 17,

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING,
because that's what it was about,
and he gave himself an A.
And he slashed his wrists and hung it on the bathroom door,
because he couldn't
make it to the kitchen.

Joss Abrams.

green lines he wrote a

poem and called it MY LIFE, because
that's what it was about, and
the teacher gave him a funny look and an A.
He brought it home,
but no one put it up on
the kitchen door, and he

tucked himself in while his father snored. When he was 25, on a matchbook he wrote a poem, and he called it











Pan

Musical notes of happiness
float throughout the air

Those few who hear them
are only those who care

The maker of this music is never to be seen
For he lives within your mind
and floats throughout your dreams





If one was to know him and of him be a friend Then one must realize that he will never end For he is love and happiness and things which never die And we are only mortals who seek salvation in the sky.

Claudia Maclachlan



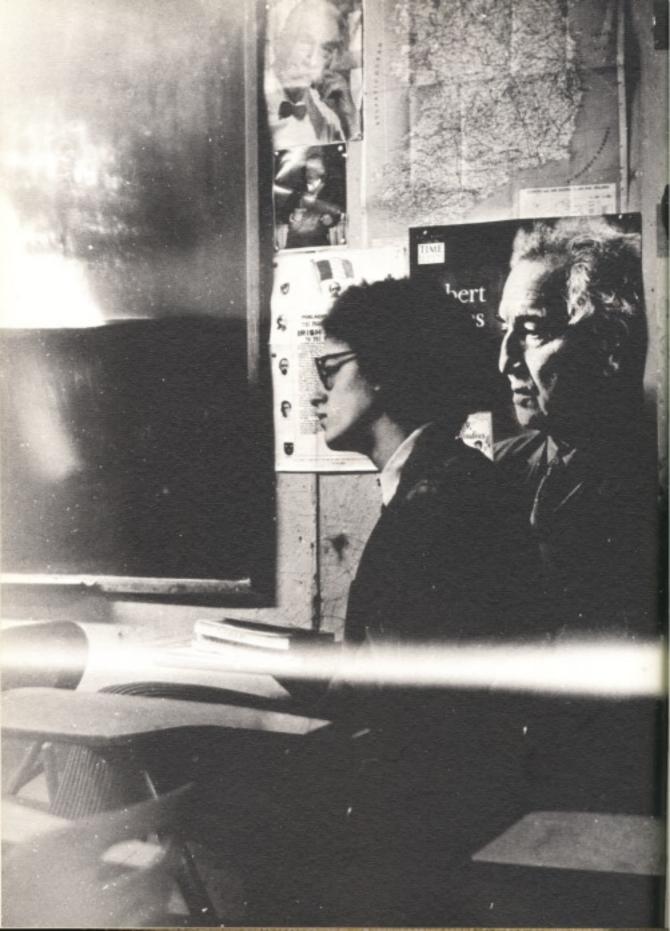




To be nobody—but yourself in a world Which is doing its best, night and day, To make you everybody else—means to Fight the hardest battle which any Human Being can fight, and never stop Fighting

e.e. cummings







The morning enters me like warm hot bread,
And I wish for all the other things I might have said.
I long to repair the damage
I long to have been fair and fairly treated
Too many times the same act I have repeated

The mist will fall cool-ly on my shoulder bare If I will not refuse to ascend the stair And see the light door crack.

Mark Kennedy



the sun is beaming. snow patches are turning into scattered puddles. breezes still belong to winter, crisp cuts of flying air. the forest yet dark now restless, starkness slowly turning to softness. the icy brook showing signs of movement, water struggling in pockets it seems to break the glass and feel the sky. stiff tree branches seem almost to sigh and relax under the hint of spring's sun.

-alison

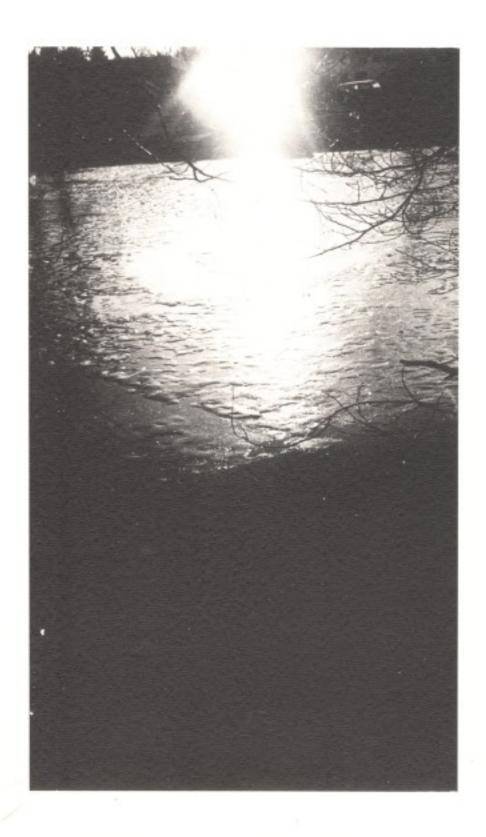
LOW TIDE

The tide came slowly in Bearing with it, Like a peace offering to the beach, All sorts of things Which it had gathered over the miles and the years.

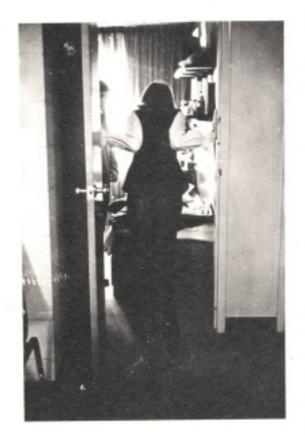
I went down to the beach
At low tide
To see what it had brought.
I found
A starfish and a sand dollar
Dozens of multi-colored shells
But mostly
Just piles of ugly seaweed.

The beach
Thanked the waves for the starfish
She was grateful for the sand dollar
And the pretty shells
But the seaweed marred her beauty
And she rejected it.

The waves
Tried again
Just as they had been trying
For thousands of years
They came in and went out
Leaving behind
A starfish and a sand dollar
Dozens of multi-colored shells
But mostly
Just piles and piles of seaweed.





















I was walking one day (not unusual) and I stopped (still not unusual) I found some flowers and decided to wrap them together in a group (?) Anyway life was ticking and ticking and then I gave them to my teacher which helped cause I was late for class (she even said thank you ten minutes later) but even so, they hated me. Damn flower. gave me the finger.

Jimmy Lembeck



The old Italian who could keep one for twenty minutes added, "No, it's nothing." —Jimmy Lembeck

saturday

take a train to nowhere
get off
and take a subway a little farther.
then walk
and pass nobody in particular.
arrive. where?
one step to almost-talk,
use the john, and leave.
arrive, get high,
discuss nonsense in babble and
leave again
go see a movie to pass the time.

waste your time.

return to farther
and be paranoid when anyone
walks by — but you are nobody
in particular to them,
pass somebody,
anybody, and giggle.
they don't care, and even if they do,
it's only briefly.
and now we have returned.
we're back where we started from,
just a stepping stone

in our lives,
just a wait for something else,
something better perhaps,
if not—too bad.
good-bye.
i enjoyed being with you,
at least we're someone to each other,
for now, that is.

-debby landy























luke immu









Simmons





laura schwietzer



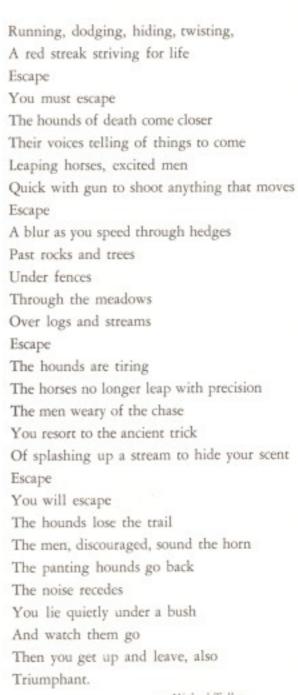








FOX HUNT



—Michael Tallan





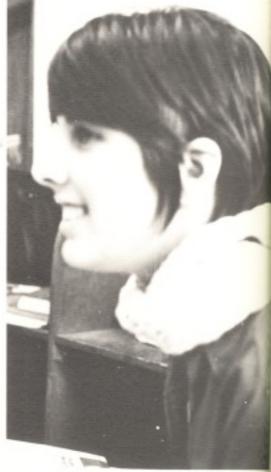






sue the future









dina baumopla



They seem to like me easily
Why is that?
Because you find it so difficult to like them
They seem to run so easily
Why is that?
Because they rejoice in those who do not run but walk or sit still
They laugh a peculiar laugh and their heads make grotesque motions
That is because they laugh at, instead of laughing, and because they
reach for, instead of simply reaching
Why do 1 see the world this way?
Be grateful
It is a good thing then?
It is a necessary thing

Who requires it?

And who am 12

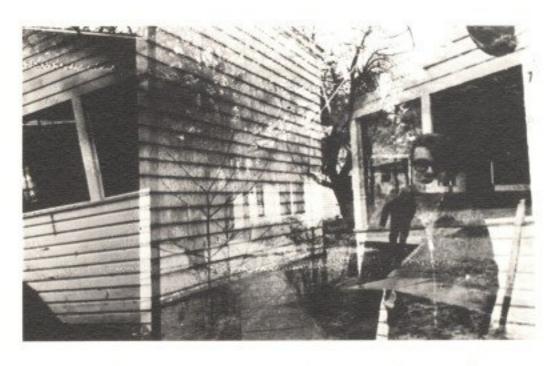
The two of them slept well

You do

A friend

Mark Kennedy























I exist as I am
—that is enough.

Walt Whitman



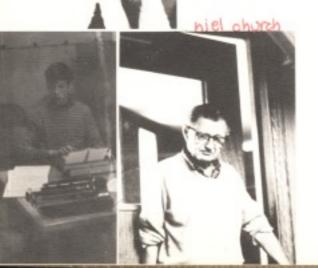






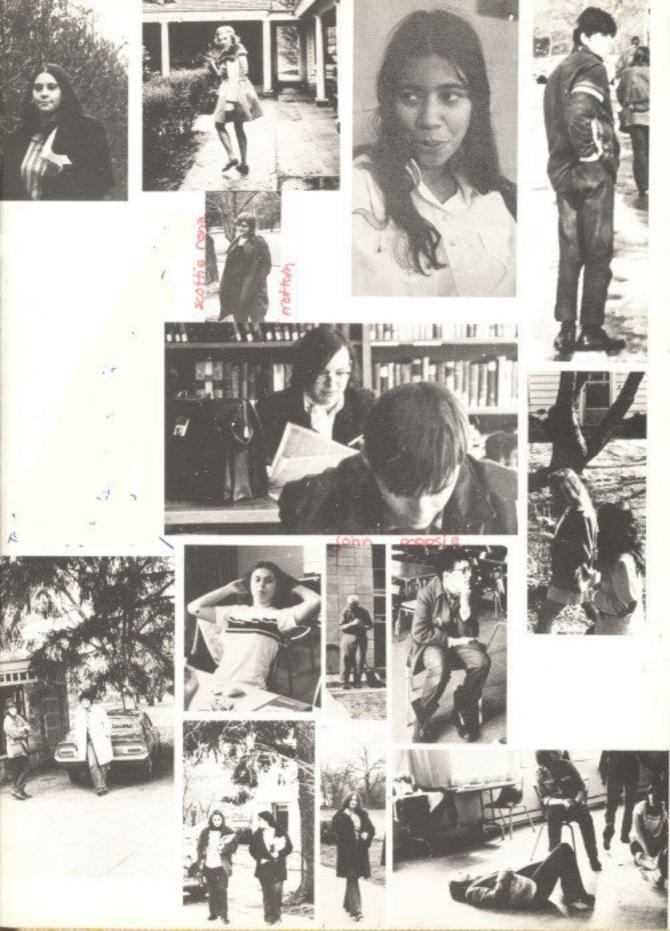


Reach out for someone.



To communicate to Sufau with ted wishes

is the beginning of understanding.



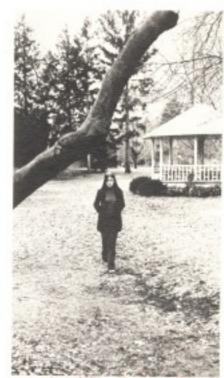












claudia maclachlan



The years drift slowly by, with no one really caring about the flowers of the earth,

The winds blow them around, spreading them into the depths of the seas.

The tidal waves come, and the small seeds are washed up, away, and are lost forever,

And no one ever wants to be reminded of them, and they don't really care,

Because they are indifferent, unkind, and hostile, with no smile on their faces.

They say they care, but they don't really know the meaning of the word.

They fool and fear themselves, because they are the offenders of the ignored generation.

They are the ones that talk about friends, yet are afraid to give out their true feelings.

They aren't the over 21 or under 21 that conspire against the hopes in my head,

But the people who are afraid to come out of their shells, or give a hand to the troubled for fear they'll get nothing in return.

They talk a good battle, against the times of war, poverty, and the sexual revolution,

But when it comes down to the issue of people, friends, and a brotherly attitude, they are all ready to turn away, and forget about you.

They don't care, nobody does. The wishes for friendship are as hard to get as it is to make enemies.

Why won't people care? Will they learn from themselves? Can they drop their defensives and listen to someone who's troubled?

Can't someone please show me that they do care? No — I am all alone . . .

Laurie Kogan





adolph lining









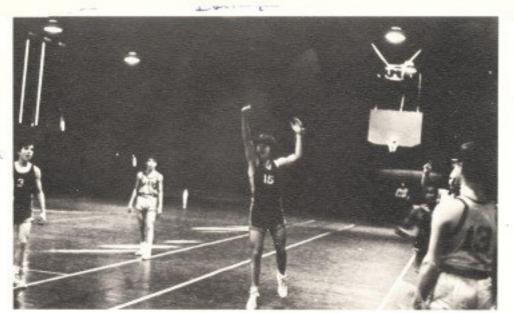












HOUSE IN THE WIND

I sit here listening to the house creak in the wind, Feeling it hunch its shoulders and brace its feet. Old house that has seen the generations pass And a thousand moons rise And a thousand winds lay bare the stars.

Old house of rock and wood and the clay of man.

Together we sit here listening.

I, too, have watched the generations pass

And the wars come and the flags of peace get trampled;

I too have seen the rose of day unfolding out of night.

Old house of rock and wood and the clay of man.

Your bones are stiffer than they once were

But you square your shoulders against the darkness,

Gulp a deep breath of the ageless wind,

And wait and will not fall.

I hear the old boards stretch and grow still.

A weary mouse skitters in the wall.

Old house and old man waiting together,

Dozing together, cocking their ears for the scratch

Of the broom of dawn.

Basil Burwell



dream

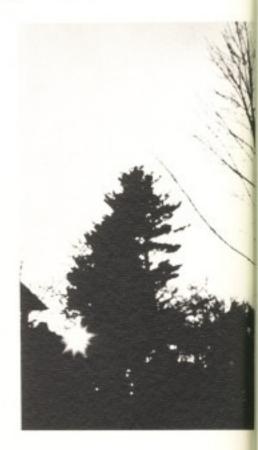
freedom was my real name but somehow-just the same, there was someone there holding my hand, and we were running-rolling through the sand. bis name was freedom too, and we together lived the land. up the grassy slopes we'd run singing-laughing, together-one. traveling-learning from all around it was the land of freedom we had found. we gave and took from its earth and there, to a child i gave birth. then one day we left African land and traveled back to American sand we had much to learn but much to give, for we the freedoms did together live alison





mark Kennedy

an artist dies along with days fading light, only to be reborn Wendy Schapet







The pangs of your sorrows will pass as your senses will rise . . . —bob dylan



Out of this prairie rise the faces of dead men.

They speak to me. I can not tell you what they say.

Other faces rise on the prairie.

They are the unborn. The future.

Yesterday and tomorrow cross and mix on the sky-line

The two are lost in a purple haze. One forgets. One waits.

Carl Sandburg

And ever has it been that love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation.

Kahlil Gibran



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