#### **Purification**

### Looking for my Mother in the Woods

With wolf eyes moon eyes squinting eyes I went looking for my mother in the woods. Two nymphs with summer glances Jeaf eyes eyes already withered caressed my wrists drops of sweat on my brow. A dwarf on a hackney-coach waited smoking for my call.

I tried talking to the nymphs. mumbling in wounded tongues I looked among roots of oaks digging my own brains out I drank scented oil from my trembling lamp. With scorched eyes sunny eyes eyes tired at last I saw the nymphs in my father's boots and from behind a grimace of smoke my mother waved her gypsy shawl.

by Silvano Zamaro

Out of winter (with gravel-mashed gritty snow heaped along roads deceptive black ice loving cracks and holes) 's grey skies (worse than white snow they threaten

hang low depressing smoke) comes the sun. Cold blue bathes brown (down around the gravel heat

collects)

streets turn liquid (the puddle's variegated colours huddle along a line of solvent sunshine) sound erupts. (The kid on the sidewalk looks to see

no bus - stomps in puddle and jumps onto busstop bench leaving one wet footprint which glitters its gravel diamonds and uncut stones under firelike light solidified.)

by Roma Quapp

#### for a high school friend

they told me you were dying and i said

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but it's true and i cannot tell you my feelings but in verse which lives on past the 22 years you and

share and though you cannot know how i understand truly i do and would graft my heart to yours to give strength you ask me why i say because bonds hold like chain linking forever the imprints in a sea of tranquility a of showers.

