

SUPPLEMENT 1

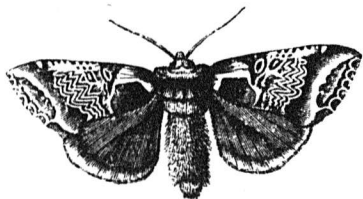
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onesecond . . .
a refractory glint of sun
split eye & eye
ear & ear
life & death

standing alone
he died —

his serial number read
they gave to me
a bullet
& a medal
as mementoes

— Brian Flack



the journey

I've traveled far
tonight,
over breasts and buttocks.

the journey is a tiring one
& my eyelids drop,
as swiftly as venetian blinds
tugged in a honeymoon room.

a vain effort to conceal
the pain & pleasure
guarded there behind them.

— Brian Flack

Mother

When looked at my mother
for the first time
I saw her as an old
woman at sixty. She
made herself a birthday cake — never forgot a year
and sang
'happy birthday to me . . .

I look at her now, myself being yet twenty
and see the only thing she was right in

was her affirmation.

That's all that mattered;
all she knew

she lived.

like the six candles on her cake.

— Noni Howard



beautiful woman

beautiful women
inhabit the night
burn dim eyes
and long dry loins
throbbing impotent embarrassment

beautiful women
brushed casually by
flush chalky temples
inspire the mind
to manhood's plunge
between your thighs

beautiful women
in blackening light
act coyly seductive
for your brushed-on chastity
blinds my eye —

— Brian Flack

Poetry needed

Well gang, this is the first
Gateway Poetry Supplement of
the year.

We plan to run this type of
supplement every second or third
Thursday depending on how
much poetry we have submitted
and how much regular copy we
have to fit in on the Arts Pages (in
case you haven't noticed, I, your
friendly arts editor, have
magnanimously allowed my pages
to be used as a poetry
supplement).

Thus, what we need is

contributions from YOU!

So get those pens writing and
dust the collected years off your
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If it's good, we'll print it. If it
isn't we might print it anyway
depending on how much good
poetry we get.

Send all donations (we'll give
'em back if you want) to Room
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Building. Specify that they're for
the poetry supplement and
include your name and phone
number.

On Survival

if
I could
put my body
where
my mouth is,
maybe then
I'd deny myself
nothing.

— Noni Howard

my secretary
arrived this morning
gift-wrapped in elastic —
a small present
puffed-up.

I saw a fish
do that once,
to save his life.

— Brian Flack

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