". . . and many, many more of the same." A dried bird shored up with pillows she slumps fourscore years and twenty-nine again securely lashed round the waist to a corner of her huge rocking chair (gift of far-off nephews who never did know her size) and waits and waits to die suffering little setbacks on a daily basis: a broken arm a series of slight strokes a persistent recurring urinary tract infection waiting and waiting feebly choking a little spitting a little everything out of control everything slowed save those sharp blue eyes and incomprehensible mind behind Distant relatives paying duty calls ("the poor thing") pop in at intervals bringing the chocolates she loves to melt slowly under her tongue a tongue so active once it nearly wagged right off its stalk but now can barely mumble being numb and she slowly turns the sweetness sucks the darkness tasting only half of it with only half her tongue and half the memory It trickles warm luxurious from her mouth corner as she quivers to staunch it with that crumpled linen handkerchief she always clutches with a grasp light as a frozen insect's wing: a linen link with her girlhood past long gone long gone remembered only in dreams when she strides out strongly across the fields doing woman's work her own way at her own pace forgetting this endless room with its potted plant wilting on the sill in dry earth its faded greeting cards taped to the walls its brown-ness its antiseptic smells and that she on her birthday is diapered in green plastic like a baby under this dress of magenta hearts The worst of it is the worst of it is having to say "Good-bye" to privacy: nurses searching your pockets "for your own good" But you still don't understand; aides going through your carefully-layered drawers when you're turned to the window with your back to the door: Little things you love just disappearing

and smuggled treats

bad for your body

but O! So great for your soul

like old friends

gone for ever

erased from the world

entirely

gone

good-bye

They carved up my birthday cake today

and dished it out to my enemies: now there is nothing to look forward to

tomorrow

good

Good-bye

Bye

Student Union VS. Social Club (if it ain't broke; fix it) It is pleasing to see That the members agree That a takeover isn't the answer That Bourque and the boys Are creating a noise That the members regard as a cancer

Your readers are full Of proverbial bull In the form of deceptive attacks The timing is right In this frivolous fight To inform everyone of the facts.

A few years ago When the business was slow And the Social Club asked for a hand The Union of Students Were chalked full of prudence And somewhere the notion got canned.

The next point to mention Devoid of contention; The Social Club's now making money They haven't in years And it strengthens my fears That the timing is selfish and funny.

While all this is pending The "students" are spending In excess of twelve thousand G's On a silly campaign In which no one will gain Though it's one way to spend student fees.

So perhaps I'll ask Matt (Upon hearing of that) For a thousand or two for this verse I need only say Student council would pay A lot more for a campaign that's worse.

Now the council insists On a membership list Though it's none of their business or right If they want to revamp us To serve the whole campus Have they only the members to fight?

"Elitists" they say Yet as students we pay Fifteen dollars to be called "elite" Maybe Braithwaite or Bourque Could find some form of work So that socially they could compete.

If you think I'm alone With my cynical tone Count the letters in last Friday's Bruns And the outcome is sore-Those "against" and those "for" And the Social Club leads six to one.

It is pleasing to see That the members agree That a takeover isn't the answer That Bourque and the boys Are creating a noise That the members regard as a cancer Pat Hamilton

Leave Them Alone!

Here's a little rhyme for all the rapers to read because I'm sick and tired of watching women bleed.

> I know life's a bitch and times are tough but that is no excuse for playing rough.

Women are people too just like you and me so why can't you people live in harmony?

Stuff like this is scary shit how would you lie it if women gave you the "hit"?

You may be confused in life or hurt, I don't know but I can tell one thing, this isn't the way to go.

Rape is a crime which has no class so you better watch our or someone's gong to put a foot in your ass!

> So leave them alone and let them be, We were all put on this Earth to live in unity.

> > **Tuhin Pal**

Kisses in the Wind

Kisses in the wind are all I have. They are the dreams

Pictures on a mirror are all that remain. From a lover I'd love to hold.

Kisses in the wind are all I have I dream to catch.

I want the bad, I get the pure, A darker hue, of black and grey. The light shines through. I turn away. To shade my eyes from the agents of light. To find a new place for me to play. In the caves and crevice of my mind. A place so dark it bleeds. A river full of powder ash

Hiep Vu

I dream to catch.

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Pamela J. Fulton

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November 9 MR. J

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