

# PAUL THOMPSON

## Penitentiary Poet

### WILDFLOWER SUNSHINE

Alison

Often since then  
i have been caught  
smiling joyously unto  
myself as if  
possessed by happy demons  
If only they knew...  
i was thinking about that  
night we met and talked  
smiled  
laughed so much  
There is nothing  
more precious than  
wildflower sunshine  
Take care

those stars  
glistening  
like sun-kissed drops of ocean  
clinging to the dark  
pubic night proud

that tree  
leafless  
its crooked branches  
like darting snakes  
attacking the sky

### FORGET GREEK MYTHOLOGY

If you want me  
as a friend  
it's not necessary that you enchant me  
with calculated conversation  
or ball me  
I'm no hero  
or slayer of dragons  
A smile between us  
and past disappointments  
We are  
I like you

### ON MATHEMATICS

A woman is unwise  
to think love and breast size  
have any common factors.

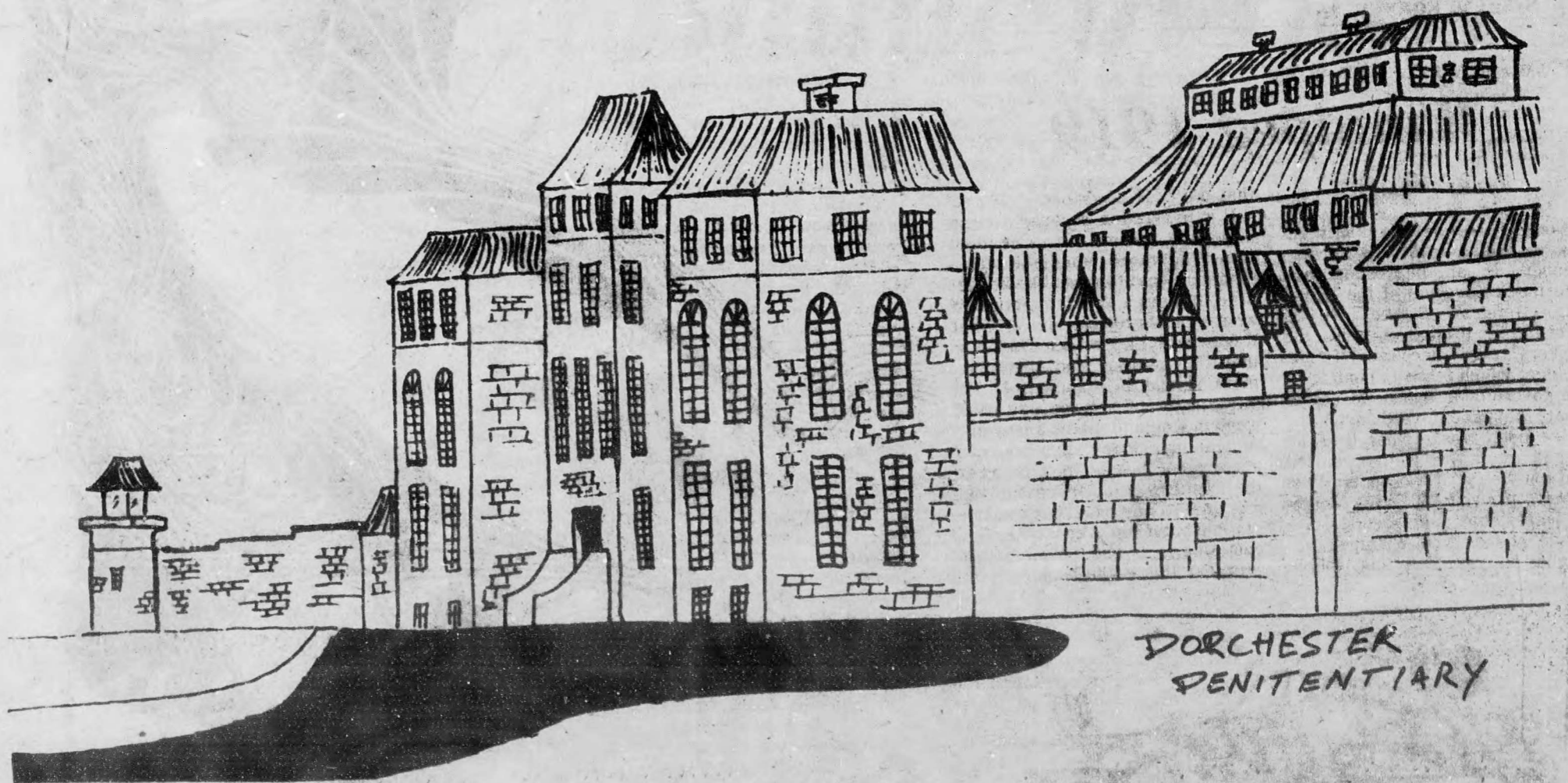
### MOONCHILD

In this life I am the passerby, windowshopper.  
I listen to the crickets late at night.

I have forsaken my trophies  
and preserve few memories for my retirement

Let's at least exchange smiles, excuses,  
while our anxious mothers weep.

I should eat, and there is the sun  
and moon and poetry forever, and ever.



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