



Literary Page



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UNDERNEATH THE BITTERNESS

"Forgetting"

crying
out into the light
and forget the night...
forgetting all that had
become
of the youth left behind.

we are all but young,
struggling to be something
so different.
whenever we change
we forget so much.
we lose ourselves
as we grow older.

dying
too much of a child
and so much a head.
we thought we were older.
that we knew better.

So much more to pretend.
And so little time in a year.



Ruth

In sleep I spin and weave my fear
A child is crying here and far away
Dizzy I wake
Catch breath
Strain and listen

No cry
House is still
A car passes
The baby stirs and moans
A parent hears through floor-length velvet dreams
William Pedoe

Frost

Dawn
window locked
by frost's acanthus
thongs
Sun hits prisms
melt
to threads
slide
drip on
sill

William Pedoe

THE ESSENCE

Many years, many words.
A bond as sweet as honey:
poured from my soul like glistening gold
Soft, warm, and lingering

Yet now I fear the emptiness
and the ache from indulgence in its richness.

My lifeblood, Katherine.
Another shall never replace.
Eternal is my heart;
so, too, the world shall know.

Many years, many words.
Many more.

F.C.

Winter-smooth blankets of faceless change;
hiding, crushing, drowning the trembling embers.
Yesterday they burned as bright as ten thousand moonlit
dreams,
amber rich glow-children of soaring hearts.

Reach into this lost pocket of secret memories and fly...
Early-morning dew of the Frost king's tears...and over
there!
Youthful eternities in a crystal sun!
One flawless red rose, pure and vibrant...AND

Underneath that heap of bitterness, where all seems so
Simple, yet so clouded that
Only blind men know the colors of a rainbow - look!
Could it really be the soft pulse of times past
Oppressed by waves of careful avoidance?

Love on, sweet dream-girl!
Daggers of ice cannot deny what has shone so brightly
before.

JOHN



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