

# LITERARY



## For a Friend

In a world of pain and sorrow,  
I seek the friendship,  
Of others who care,  
Who are not afraid,  
To shed a tear,  
Or help those in need.

In a world of greed,  
I respect those who,  
Seek only a fair share,  
Those willing to work hard,  
And build something better,  
For the world and for their children.

In a world of anger,  
I reach out to people,  
Who carry no hatred,  
Towards their fellow man,  
To those who seek only peace,  
And a brotherhood of man.

In a world of ugliness,  
I appreciate those who,  
Try to see the beauty,  
In a simple rainbow,  
A flight of geese,  
Or the smile of a child.

In a world of coldheartedness,  
I find joy in the warm smile,  
Of one not afraid to laugh,  
Or to show her emotions,  
Be they good or bad,  
Or allow others to do the same.

In such a world as this,  
One who cares and feels,  
And seeks warmth and honesty,  
Can not but be drawn,  
To someone who feels the same,  
And call them friend.

DUKE

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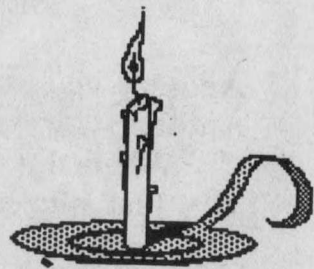
grey crags  
snow-feathered  
stand  
in glacial pools

a speckled trout  
kisses chill glass  
ripples  
rub on rushes  
still gathered  
in summer crowds

autumn smoke  
dallies  
while winter waits

its breath cool on my  
neck  
from a place where  
spring thaw  
means frost heaves  
of words  
and silences

Diane Reid



## SUSTAINABLE

When the moon is up  
They come home from the fields  
Walking past the fields and their  
community graveyard  
With their community handmade tools  
on their backs

Discussing their day's work and their families  
They the moon, the path they walk  
The lush tropical flowers all seem so fixed  
I greet them each day as I cross their path  
After sanskrit language lessons  
"Namastay auntie"  
"Namastay uncle"  
"Salam uncle"  
"Salam auntie"  
"Good evening auntie"  
"Good evening uncle"

They hug me and pat me on the head, then  
give me their good wishes  
"danyabad Betty" (Bless you child)  
"My good wishes to you Ghan" - (their special name for me)  
"Keep the midnight oil burning girl we depend on you"

I did not know  
When I bid them good-bye  
that the memory of one evening's love would keep me going for years  
I lonely know

They made me, a small child, feel  
as if I could reach for the stars and beyond  
also  
I did not know them that the community caring  
sustain our village  
and cut from the very roots  
the seeds of greed  
and  
throw it into oblivion

Kay Nandlall

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