



# Literary Page

## Thin Line

Ice.  
 The bubbles forming  
 Waiting, Watching  
 For what?  
 Aging, aging  
 Time creeps up, bringing water closer  
 Closer, closer  
 Black water  
 Seeping, seeping  
 No one but the sky  
 Watching, watching  
 And the laughter, once omnipresent  
 Dying, dying  
 Just like the little hockey player  
 The spark of life, drowned by blackness  
 Drowning, drowning.  
 Fire or water,  
 Which is stronger?

Mind.  
 The relentless doubts invading  
 Marching, marching  
 The crescendo of fear  
 Pounding out a tattoo of insecurity  
 Pounding, pounding  
 The clock ticks on, brings fear closer  
 Closer, closer.  
 Is God even watching?  
 Or the souls of a trillion long-dead beings?  
 Hoping, hoping  
 The pillars of rationality  
 Struggling against seeds of despair  
 Struggling, struggling  
 But slowly being pounded into submission  
 Dying, dying  
 And the souls are screaming  
 As is one other.  
 Sanity or insanity  
 Which is stronger?

MAURICE O'BRIEN

## Living Room

Phone the answering machine  
 Just to get a voice back,  
 everywhere else the lines are busy  
 Howling dogs of cities, ready to attack.  
 Write a letter to see a face.  
 Having nothing provokes, evokes, everything.  
 The marshall of house arrest,  
 Sits blank before me,  
 Turn me on, turn me on, knobs flicker.  
 Kaleidoscopes stacked silently, await a turning  
 page,  
 await a King to dawn this age.  
 While smoke shows dust in foreign air.  
 And music brings paintings silently to life.  
 Plants contently sit and sun themselves,  
 Chameleons of life, every changing of my rear-  
 ranging.  
 Shadowns cast from leaves that fold,  
 their beckoning asks but for water, air and sun,  
 my hand to hold their tender limbs.  
 Small pittance for roomed entombment.

Stephen Garland

## The Fly

Bewildered by the unyielding air  
 the fly makes maddening circles;  
 seeing the green light of trees  
 the open blue of day-light  
 and not being able to press through.

I reach for a rolled newspaper  
 pestered by the scream and panic;  
 I attack the buzzing insanity  
 then stare fascinated that flies  
 bleed red blood spread-eagled  
 and shocked against my window pane.

The fly is happy now.

Kwame Dawes

Uzo Esonwanne will be giving a talk entitled 'Cultural Schizophrenia in the Caribbean', as an opener for a discussion on culture in the Caribbean. This seminar will take place this Saturday (the 28th) at 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Lounge UNB. This will be the third of a series of seminars being sponsored and organized by the Caribbean Circle.

## YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE U.N.B. BUSINESS SOCIETY'S CHRISTMAS FORMAL



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