

Poetic Dimensions
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Readers: Today is one of the best days of your life and mine too! Let's just hang in there and keep it all together with this prolific poetry this week. A young man reminiscences on his life of growing up. He thinks about...

My Barren Hills
By Raye Israel c. 1975

The sun sits high in the sky today,
I know it's going to be a scorcher!
The weatherman predicts rain,
But what does he know?

Something inside of me,
constantly torments me to
wander about.

I tried reading a book,
My head lying dreadfully
on the soft chicken-
feathered pillow.

My mind not able to concentrate
On the plot of an Alfred Hitchcock
mystery.
My eyes catching, every now and then,
That rainbow ray from the sun penetrating
Through my, then shabby, red curtains.

I "resisted" the temptation
but not for long.
To the window in one big movement,
I opened it to catch the
sun and the little breeze,
That was stirring at that
time, which was not much.

Choking from taking too much in my nostrils,
A little of it escaping to my food track.
This beautiful day seems to take a special
effect on me.

I couldn't resist the chance
of capturing and putting this day
on paper.
The trees standing tall, swaying
back and forward as though it wanted
to bend and touch toes.
The sky their bluer than ever.

The sun looking like
an abstract painting.
An egg yolk - the sky
being its egg white.
The yolk redder than
Rudolph's nose on
Christmas night!

As I glanced toward the ground,
I see "Pup Pup" standing on two legs
begging for a bone.
The clothes on the line
from one line to the other.
My gosh, looks like a Chinese laundry!

The grass is greener than new money,
Looking as though it wanted
to sing a song with
the trees!

My house, the oldest one on the block
In the front, it appears to be in standard condition
But around the back, the greener grass grows tall,
It favors John boy Walton's house
Only it is not a bucolic area.

It may look a little run down to you
But it's where I live for now, and I like it!
I wouldn't change places with you,
John boy Walton for the world!

As you look beyond my house,
You'll see the hill I call,
"My barren hill".
The grass grows a few inches there-
but not any longer.
That's where I've watched myself grow.

That's where I've played for years.
When winter comes, the hill seems to die.
Spirits seem to haunt the hill,
When no one plays there,
It seems as though the hill will fade
into that which is forgetfulness.

When summer comes around again,
The hill comes alive, from forgetfulness
into the light!
The children playing around the trees.
The apples always glowing
So much joy, and youthfulness.
Never do they grow old.
That's where I've watched myself grow
That's where I've played
for years, on my barren hill!

Now that summer is gone,
winter unexpectedly catching me off guard,
I must get out my winter things.

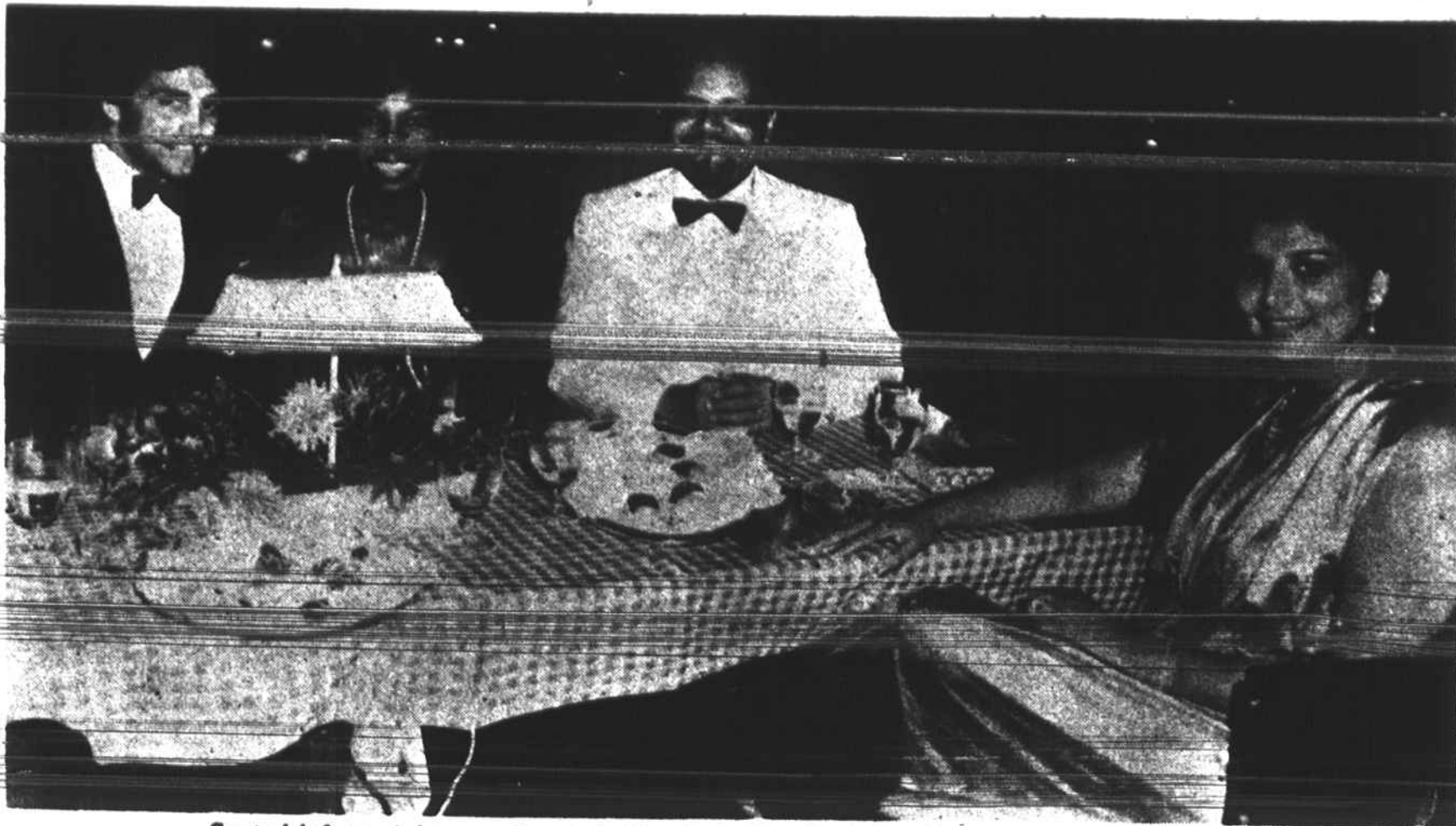
God bless you summer,
Yes, Autumn was brief, and now-
I must live through
winter, and hope that
it doesn't scourge my barren hill.

**Natalie Cole
Overwhelms Sheik**

During a recent engagement at Monte Carlo's posh Sporting Club, songstress Natalie Cole made quite an impression on one controversial member of the audience who was "overwhelmed" by Cole's rendition of "Unforgettable," a classic made famous by the star's late father. Sheik Ahmed Zaki Yamani, who is the Oil Minister of Saudi Arabia, insisted that Ms. Cole join him and his wife after the show. Sheik Yamani made news at the last OPEC meeting in

Geneva when he alone insisted that an oil price hike would eventually hurt the cartel.

Natalie Cole's latest album, *Happy Love*, will be released by Capitol Records on September 8 with its first single called "You Were Right Girl" already moving up the charts. The two-time Grammy Award winner will begin her U.S. tour in support of *Happy Love* on September 7 with a series of performances at the Greek Theater in Los Angeles.



Seated left to right are: Dominic Nardini; Natalie Cole; Sheik Yamani and his wife.

**Generic Drugs V.S.
"Brand Name"**

True or false?
- A generic and a "brand name" drug are exactly the same?

- "Brand name" drugs are always more expensive than generic drugs?

The answer to each of the above questions is false.

For the past few years there has been an escalating controversy about whether or not the prescription you receive from your physician should be for generic drugs rather than brand name drugs in most cases. Proponents claim that generic and brand name drugs are exactly the same and result in substantial savings.

Each drug has a specific chemical name - its generic name - but several pharmaceutical companies may use the same chemical in making its own tablet or solution. They call this drug by a brand name that only they can use.

To illustrate the difference, carbon is a generic term, but it could mean a diamond or a chunk of coal. These are generic equivalents but they are certainly not the same.

But just because the chemical is the same in two drug products does not mean that the two are exactly the same. There are, in fact, 32 different factors which affect the therapeutic action of a drug product. For them to be exactly the same they must include exactly the same ingredients, exactly the same methods of formulation, and exactly the same quality control. No two manufacturers make the same drug product exactly the same way.

When your doctor prescribes a brand name drug for you he does so for a specific medical reason. His medical and professional opinion is based on hard earned academic knowledge and experience. He has access to your per-

sonal medical factors that no one else has, factors that could influence how a particular drug formulation acts on your body. If you have questions about your prescription, ask him.

As far as costs are concerned brand name drugs are not always more expensive than generic drugs. In states such as Massachuset-

tes, Maryland, and Kentucky, where generic substitution has been allowed for some time, surveys have been unable to demonstrate consumer savings.

The fact remains that you have a right as a patient to have the specific drug that will work the best for you.

RECORD REVIEW

One note not worth it

Two notes worth a listen

Three notes buy it!

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TOP SINGLES

1. Super Freak
2. I'll Do Anything
3. I'm In Love
4. She's Got Paper
5. Silly
6. Bad Mama Jama
7. Endless Love
8. Get It Up
9. Work That Body
10. Disco Dream

Rick James
Demroy Morgan
Evelyn King
Richard Fields
Denise Williams
Carl Carlton
Ross/Richie
The Time
West Street Mob
Mean Machine

TOP ALBUMS

1. Street Songs
2. Dimples
3. My Melody
4. Maze Live
5. The Time
6. Wall To Wall
7. With You
8. Square Biz
9. Standing Together
10. Winners

Rick James
Richard Fields
Denise Williams
Maze
The Time
Rene & Angela
Stacy Lattisaw
Tina Marie
Midnite Starr
Bro. Johnson

PICK HIT

Take My Heart
Come Closer

Kool & Gang
High Energy

ALBUM REVIEWS

"It's Time For Love"

Teddy Pendergrass

Well T.P. has done it again. From the slow "You're My Latest" to the uptempo "Keep On Loving Me," this album is all about love. A very smooth rhythm and vocal arrangement make this a masterpiece for Teddy. Best cuts - "You're My Latest," "Time For Love," "Keep On Loving Me," "I Can't Live Without Your Love." A must album for all Teddy Pendergrass fans. Rating (3 notes).

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