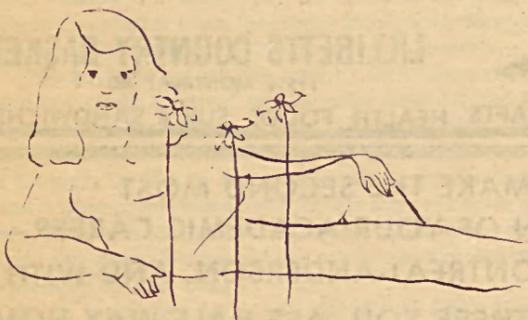




Darkness

Blind is a snowstorm, drifting
through tears,
None to fear, the desperate
year-
Which goes in a flash without
the hope of eyes
To look upon the struggles of
old;
Take money, take love, but
not the
peace from up above the
clouds of
man, twisting, turning,
And then you die.....
and never live.

Joe Compton



A Death at Christmas

My mother, beautiful in my first thoughts, shrunk down to wrinkles as the cancer grew;
I watched that Fall and Autumn as her trim arms that once held me got thinner, dryer, like Winter limbs.
In those four months between hospital and house, sometimes she hovered at the
Knowing edge, with my family beside her when she wailed.
On wandered back to child times, so small and dark, a raisin on the sheets, she died.
When my white faced father brought the word, I didn't cry, ...
It was Christmas then, and the leaves shook themselves from the trees.

Moose Wall



Judgement Day

Endlessly, racing westward across the sky
The moon flies.
Pursued by her fiery lover, the sun.
Never touching, never speaking,
At nearest sharing the same light.
Separated by the day and the night,
'Til that great day arrives.

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