

My life is a raindrop in the ocean

Ruben Hernandez

Black

YES

my skin is black!
Is that any reason
to hold me back?

Black is strange.
Black is a brother on my Army rifle range.
Black is me.
And sometimes you.

Think of it: it makes you
blue.

Black is like a rainy day in hell,
Strange?

Who in the fuck
do
you
blame?

White
Yes
your skin is white.
Does that make you
right?
Is white right?
Or does it
bite?

White is that "man"
and down is the other man
So look in the mirror.

What do you see?
Two eyes
A nose
a mouth
Just
like
me.
Kenny Johns

The Day Has Come

It is the Day when those who keep the house
tremble,
And strong men are bowed,
When the women grind no longer at the mill
Because day is darkening at the house.

A storm is coming
The house is all boarded up

And the clothes are on the line.
The moon is rising;
The trees are very moving.

A man who keeps the household going
Is puzzled about something.
And the women no longer have gone to the mill
Because the day has come darkening.

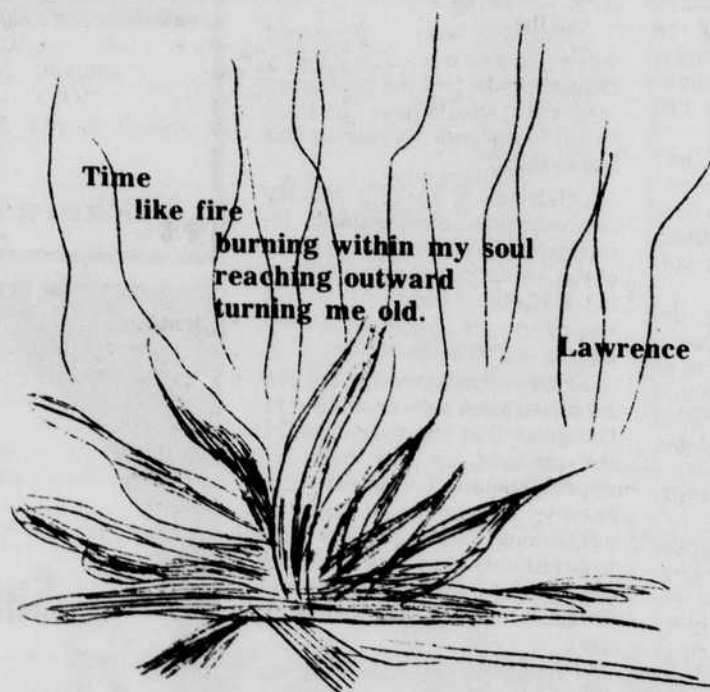
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The Potato Day

Starting at 7:30, I'm picking potatoes. The
early fog hits my eyes as I get my sack. While
I pick the first potatoes, my hands feel the
frozen ground. I get the feeling this is going to
be a long day. As I bend over the second time,
I can feel my back hurt from yesterday. As I
keep picking, the bag gets heavier. Then I can
hear the foreman say, "Pick the ripe only."
When I fill the bag up, I take it up and weigh it.

Fifty pounds times two cents a
pound. Of course, it takes about
three to four hours to fill one bag
up. I'm starting on the second
bag; it's 11:30 now. My back feels
tired, but I have to keep on to
support my family. I stop for a w-
hile and it feels relaxing. It gets to
be 2:30 when the second bag is
full. Time for lunch. I usually take
a half an hour. It goes by. I get the
third bag and I'm hurrying
because I'll finish this and go
home. It gets to be 5:30. The
potatoes were smaller this time,
so it took longer to fill it up. I grab
my coat and start to head home. I
get home about 7:00 P.M. My
family has my supper ready for
me.

Now I am thinking about
tomorrow.
Gonzalo Gonzalez



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