

**Thinking of You in Morning**

By Kareem Ali

On the shore  
The sun rises abruptly  
Drifting into a hieroglyphic mist of clouds  
That opens up the sea to a shoulder of light.

On the beach  
The wind coughs into a skeleton of trees  
Forcing starfish to sleep like gnomes.

I daydream about you  
Again and again...

In my dream,  
You rest above the turquoise reef.  
While swarming sparrows  
Surf on orchards of wind,  
Your neck and arms  
Are splayed open to the heat  
As your head rests lifeless  
In a sarcophagus of sand.

Beyond a knoll of rocks  
Fossils of memories emerge  
Fomenting a sahara of doubt  
That evaporates like sand castles  
In rain.

**Seasons Astonish**

By Dennis Rollins

The deeper as they go, the harder it is  
but easier to let go.

Much has to be done, as much is undone.  
And easier to see or be in the next phase.

As seasons change, so do people.  
Rearrange for time: is quiet and still remains the same.

Fall is a beginning but ending of beautiful things.

Winter is cold but with the eyes warm to the heart  
And the harder it gets, the easier it seems.

Spring is a new beginning for most life,  
But seems nice to have around.  
For most things, it's colorful and inspiring.  
But the shady side of things are bound to turn into something  
beautiful and nice.

Summer is always hot and full of stride; summer is always  
relaxing.

If there was no summer, we would lose track of time;  
We would never slow down to see the beauty of life.

**George and Helen**

By Timothy J. Muir

Why would my father's face  
Suddenly appear in the mirror?  
He died 27 years ago at age 64.  
My Mother? She outlived him  
By 296 days.  
Her death followed his  
Three and a half years later.  
But I'm suddenly 60, and counting...  
And although their lives were filled with strife,  
My life is so much richer,  
Having inherited my father's  
Humble generosity and  
Ready sense of humor,  
My mother's love of books,  
And words, and a memory  
That, with age, has  
Grown so much kinder.



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