

Shelter from the Rain

by Maddy Brown-Clark

We were under the bridge
 Taking shelter from the rain
 Waiting for a rainbow to come
 Hoping the night will turn to dawn
 Hoping we'll have food to eat
 Hoping for the summer heat
 Night and day on the concrete
 Living day on the street
 With some cardboard for a sheet
 Playing an old guitar,
 A tune with the streetlight for a moon
 And we're under the bridge
 Till the rain stopped again
 The moon faded, the sun rose
 And we were still wearing dry clothes.

Connections

by Eileen Vizenor

Are we connected?
 How are we connected?
 Are we connected to family, friends, foes or pros?
 Are we connected spiritually?
 Are we connected politically?
 How would you explain your connection?
 "To what?" you might ask.
 To anything or anybody is the task!
 As I ask myself the above, my
 thoughts are:
 I'm connected to a wonderful
 community of all walks of life.
 From business people to homeless people
 to spiritual people.
 As I work on my own connections,
 I'm reminded that I'm affected
 by my surroundings whether it be by the weather
 or a death of a stranger.
 I'm proud to be a spiritual person, a voter, a salesperson
 and a volunteer.
 These are my connections to my wonderful community,
 and my point is, that we all matter.



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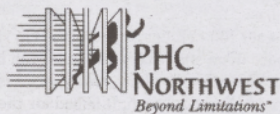
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Blue Spring

by Kareem Ali

Blue winos
 and purple necked pigeons
 pushing in
 And rain clouds
 Rising
 Then cascading into
 A pouch of stars.
 This time
 Spring arrived bareback
 So even from this distance
 I could still see you
 Swimming through a
 Sea of emerald-bodied daffodils
 Laughing.



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