

I Waited For Summer

by Maddy Brown-Clark

The scent of green woods in the sun
Intoxicated me like summer flowers
And I drank it down like wine
Some birds fed on the hips of roses
Then flew away to their nests
And I think it was finally summer.
It came with the death of spring,
That we thought wouldn't come
Because of the rain.
But it deceived us one more time.

New Beginnings

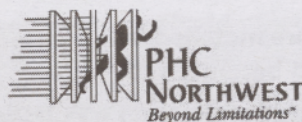
by Don Grubb

The power of influence always pulling one apart
being one with nature is truly the best start
Love is the Core holding all things together
May our words be soft and gentle like that of
a dove's feather
We may not always see eye to eye
but never forget to try another try
like a caterpillar's turn into a butterfly
destiny achieved as she spreads her wings to the sky
So we should persevere likewise able to break forth
Living to Love, and Loving to Live that's what life is really worth.

Why Am I Here. Is it Better Here or Elsewhere

by Doug Marcks

When I was still a child, my parents uprooted my life.
I had to leave my very comfortable life in Virginia
to relocate first to Florida and then to Portland.
All I knew about Portland was it was a rival team to my Jacksonville Express,
which was a WFL team.
I didn't know how laid back the people were
complete opposite from hustle and bustle of life
on the East Coast. But I miss the Midwest (Wisconsin) where I was
Born and the East Coast (mainly Maryland and Virginia)
But the question I have had is even though I have watched
Portland in my opinion "go down the tubes" is it any
better elsewhere? Am I just remembering a child's
view of places, where he learned to dance,
sing and write? Where I first fell in love?
So should I leave here to return to the
vision of the past. Or stay and embrace the
future with a child's wide-eyed optimistic slant
on life? So should I stay or should I go? That
is my question and the answer is waiting for
me in the future.



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