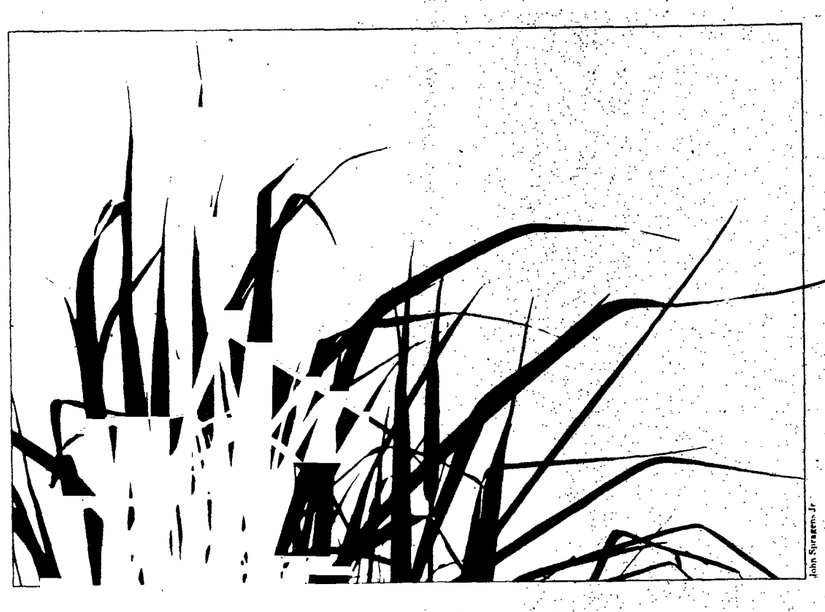

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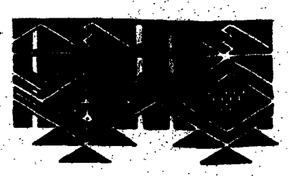

Twoborn
Iroquois Territory

1st Hunter: "There! Behold that my glimpses
were true! A canoe of whitest snow!
What manner of madman travels
these accurst waters uncamouflaged!?
The canoe is white with Huron lines
to be sure..and swift of approach.."

2nd Hunter: "Yes! I believe thou art eagle eyed!
Truly we behold no sane man..
or a sorcerer who fears no bane!
Surely mine eyes deceive my reason..
for I perceive a canoe of whitest stone!"

1st Hunter: "Then mine eyes be as faithless as thine,
or magic beguiles us both in dreaming..
here shores a vessel that cannot be!
Do we yet lie sleeping by failing
embers in the night?"

The canoe disembarks a willowy figure..
tall and confident..deliberate..
without fear..
His placid gaze clouds with sadness
as he surveys the ravaged
barren landscape behind the transfixed
and harassed looking hunters...
..charred stumps of an unharvested
cornfield borders a burned out
and deserted village...

— Rokwaho

ATLAS

I have never written about you
before now.
A quiet, beautiful person who bears
my children.
Most patient, full of love, full of life.
Some day your eyes will shine
with the things you desire.

I am rich in love, but poor in wealth.
The patience I ask for is for me.
A father and husband must carry a
heavy load.
He too, gets tired and weary.
He tries as hard as he can, but sometimes
the rain washes his dreams away.

Though he tries, sometimes failing,
sometimes winning, look and try
to understand not just on the outside
but on the inside.

Stay beautiful inside, don't worry
too much on the outside.

— Skaroniate

Akwesasne — 1983

FOR DEB

I celebrate
your day
by singing.
I count off petals
of the black-eyed susan—
one for each of your mornings,
your early sunrise,
the laughter in your afternoon
as you labor.

I deck your name above
with ivy & vetch;
drape columbines,
around the capital "D";
entwine "E" with yarrow;
lean a single prim-rose
against "B"

So you now have a garland
of song & flowers.
May they stay
on your lips
as spring iris always
bloom your cheek.

— *Maurice Kenny*

THE MANIAC

he gives thanks
he creates nothing
for all is there
for all to share
he lets things go

he creates nothing
for Creation
still goes on...
for he is
Creation

the People sing
the fires are made
& smoke walks
along the heavens...
only the spirit
you make upon this earth

look into the sun...
he knows what he will see
he knows the power
feels the power
& gives thanks to all
that's left to do
while you, quite sane
are blinded by your
ignorance of things Real

the People sing
the fires are made
& smoke walls
along the heavens
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— Karoniaktatie
spring '73

from NATIVE COLOURS
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Empty Sea

I was walking down the line,
My sign in hand,
And waving passers down with my free hand,
Behind the man rolling his joint,
Behind the man putting his midnight down,
putting his midnight down.
The man from the empty sea,
A roll of stardust in hand,
Said, "Lay a strip every so far."

I was walking down the line,
A roll of stardust in hand,
With my sign in my other hand,
And waving passers down with my free hand,
Behind the man rolling his joint,
Behind the man putting his midnight down,
putting his midnight down.

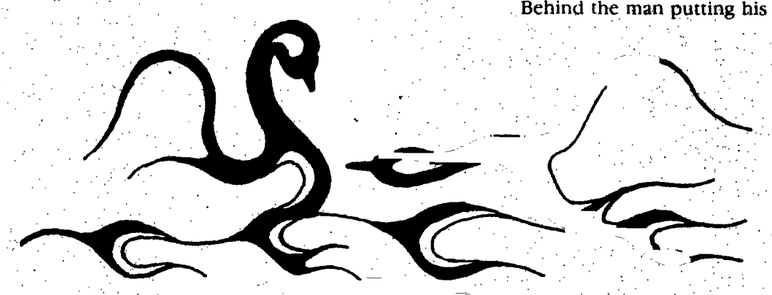
Dead fox on the side.
The money's good
If you don't get clipped

I was walking down the line,
My two hands lay a strip every so far,
A roll of stardust in hand,
My sign in my other hand,
And waving passers down with my free hand,
Behind the man rolling his joint,
Behind the man putting his midnight down,
putting his midnight down.
I went to the man from the empty sea.
"Here's your roll of stardust,"
Said I, "It's empty, see.
"I don't have enough hands
"For this job for two,
"What extra is for me?"

"Son," said he, "you'll get nothing extra
From me, but an empty Check
And a roll of stardust
That's not Empty, see."

I was walking down the line,
My two hands lay a crooked strip every so far,
A roll of stardust in hand,
My sign in my other hand,
And waving passers down with my free hand,
Behind the man rolling his joint,
Behind the man putting his midnight down,
putting his midnight down.

— Atonwa 7/83



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