

Scriptures seem different
Applied to each "God's Will"
If right inside and out
"A disappearing hill."

— Ron Henson

Message to Me

WALK, unhurriedly
Through/your/Life

As you would
A rich and Ancient forest

DESPITE
the Machines belching stench

DESPITE
the Spiralling Karma

DESPITE
the quickening Timespace

DESPITE
the hot Dragons' breath

upon
your
back

and

Your Mother's bitter eyes
Your Father's angry bellow
Your Sister's isolation

PACE/YOUR/STEPS
to suit your Days
...your Heart

and KNOW
that
You are loved

(...in Love there is time...)

— Marion Sue Fischer

Appearances

People stare
with their peripheral vision
My hair is disheveled.
I still feel the film
of perspiration
from sleeping on the plastic
shelter mat, the lingering odor
of feet, snoring
and farting permeated the room.
One thing they don't realize,
no, they don't.
But on the street
I know Elvis, Popeye
One-eyed Willie, Mutt
and Jeff.
Fuck the stars!
Maybe tomorrow
I will get myself
a new ha.

— Earle Thompson

Emerald City

I feel broken
yellow-green glass
under my feet

watch a wino
bumming change

"got 39 cents for a quart?"

I put the newspaper
under my arm
boarding the bus
as change
jingles in my pocket.

— Earle Thompson