A YEAR OF CHANGES
sit by my side
come as close as the air
share in a memory of gray
and wander in my words
dream about the pictures that I play,
of changes
green leaves of summer turn red in the fall to brown and to yellow, they fade and then they have to die trapped within the circle time parade, at changes
withered leaves
clinging to stiffened branches
suddenly flung to the earth
by winters cruel breath
and buried beneath the snows,
of change
scenes of my young years
were warm in my mind
visions of shadows
that shine
till one day i returned and found
they were the victims of the vines,
of changes
the world spinning madly,
adrift in the dark
swings through a hallow of haze
a race around the stars
a journey through the universe
of haze, of changes
moments of magic
will glow in the night
all tears of the forest
are gone
but when the morning
breaks
they're swept away
by golden drops of dawn,
of changes
memories of a sullen groundhog asleep in a dark deep burrow neither feeling nor seeing
until prodded awake
by the vibrations of newly erupting life, of changes
with the caution of self-preservation
he pokes his eyes
into the light of day
only to faintly see
the fleeting shadow
of his soul,
and return to the
self-styled warmth
of his hair, of changes
like petals in the wind
we're puppets to the
silver strings of souls,
of changes
dark and light fall on my soul
a paradox of images – contorted
yet serene
cold smooth marble
and warm supple flesh
paths to somewhere
to what . . . of changes
your tears will be trembling
now we're somewhere else
one last cup of wine
we will pour
and I'll kiss you —
one more time
and leave you on the
rolling river shore,
of changes
"It behooves those of us who administer to provide a climate for teaching and for learning. The bricks, the boards, the paper, the specimens, the tools, are—believe it or not—easy to provide. Their sole requirement is money.

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Regina M. Duffy, President
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