

POEMS THAT I KNOW

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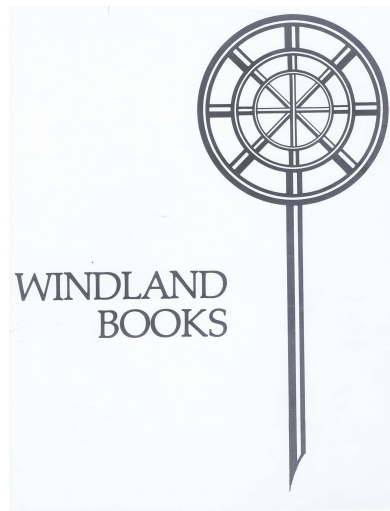
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*my friends
are my poems*

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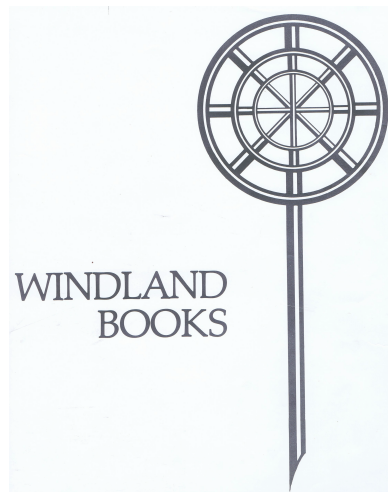
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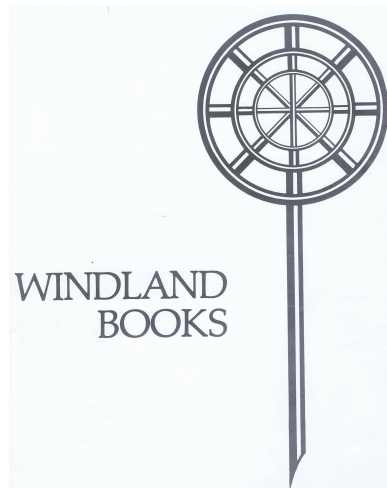


POEMS AND FRIENDS

*In a blink of an eye
I lost more
then the nights sky.*

*With the shed of a tear
I lost more
from the passing year.*

*And if I didn't grow
I lost more
then friends that
I do not know.*



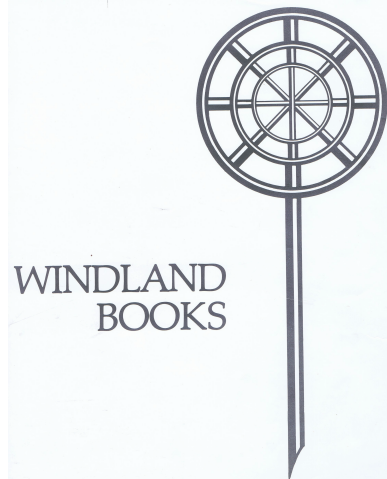
WHO

*Whose dream is this
I keep coming back to,
we play this scene
so many times,
but I know its not for me.*

*Whose idea was it anyway
to try and break loose
from my child life,
even then a stage
was all I needed.*

*And you can only see,
what torment comes from me,
and you will only be
that I cannot seem to reach.*

*Whose dream is this
I keep coming back to,
We played this scene
so many times,
but I know its not for me.*



OH MY WORLD

*I have a hard time
remembering my dream anymore,
when I wake I lock the door.*

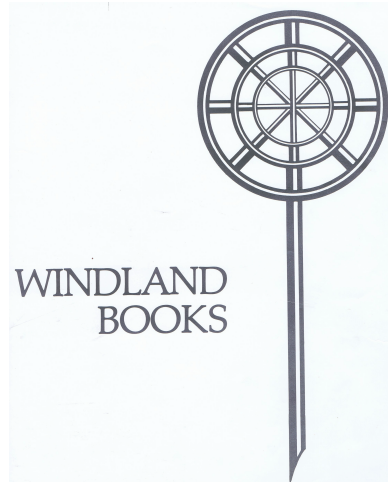
*I have a hard time
remembering what is said to me,
I lose patience
when I do something.*

*Oh my world
so close to me,
I try so hard
to show you
what can be.*

*I have a hard time
Keeping all those days clear,
something I started yesterday,
seems like I've been
doing for years.*

*I have a hard time
keeping a world
so close to me,
I'm left unsure.*

*Oh my world
so close to me,
I try so hard
but cannot find the key.*



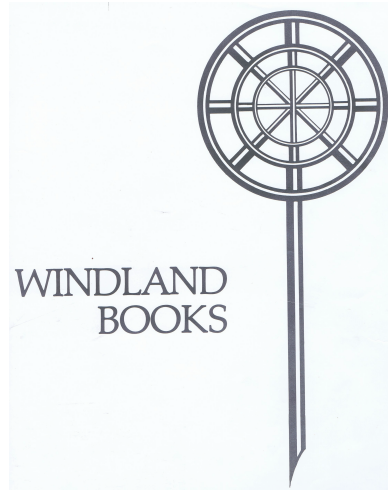
TOBY

*We all die
to suddenly
and those
who were angry before,
find no anger
once were gone.*

*We all go sometime
and can no longer
find our way,
to say how we love them.*

*We all need those
moments of ignorance,
how we take for granted
the presence
of the one life we love.*

*We all could learn
from one death,
but it always
takes more,
to open our eyes.*



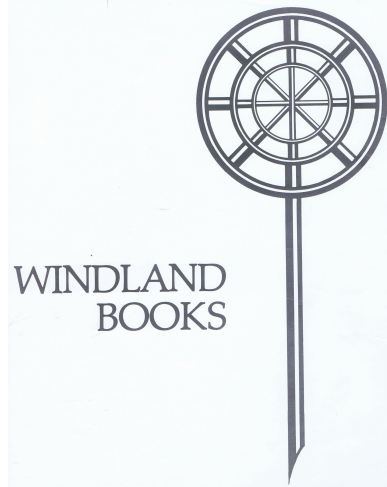
SUZI

*I've fell in love
with life,
all those things
you share with me.
our moments of passion,
times of laughter
and freedom we share.*

*I'm in love with
the life inside
each of us.*

*Today I fell in love,
its you who has brought
me more things to share,
more reasons to care.*

*Even though we have
been together for years,
its today that I feel
my love for you is strong.*

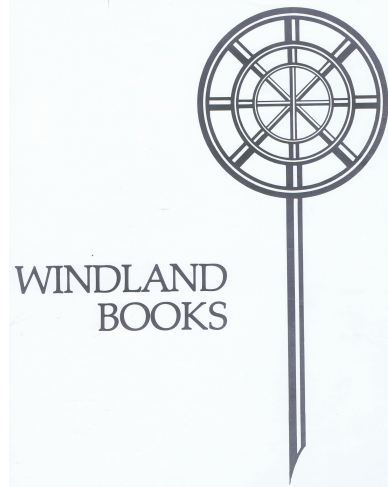


LABOR OF TIME

*I care so little of time,
yet I always know
when its there.*

*Its presence changes
my idea of life,
it allows no error
and wastes not its own.*

*I would gladly trade you,
something for a little
more when its for me,
but when its for labor
you could get it for free.*

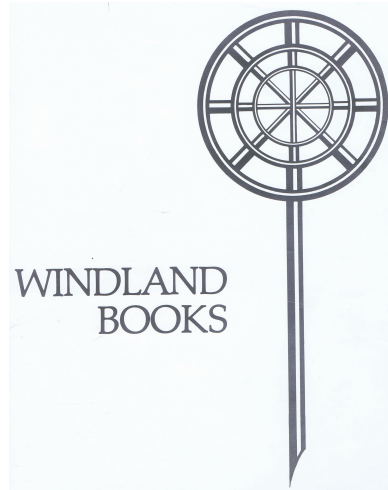


LIGHT SLEEPER

*Its not that I dislike
the sunrise,
Its waking up
in the early hours
that tires me.*

*I enjoy the freshness
of a new day beginning,
but my clock
doesn't ring until seven.
If let be
I would awaken naturally.*

*Its only the struggle
of the world,
who wakes me at this hour.
This keeps me
from enjoying the light.*



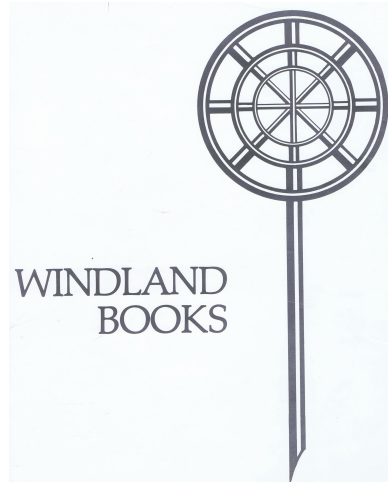
TRIP AT THE PARK

*I dreamed of you this morning,
I held you as I did in the park.
I have always felt as one with you,
your eyes absorbing every gesture
I made.*

*I felt the same desire
and wish we shared then.
Its sad to think we
never explored the feeling further.*

*I took you to a place
I have not been to for years.
I always felt most secure there,
I was sure our minds
would bring us together.*

*I'm sorry things changed
when you left,
life can be a rude awakening.
I've only dreamed of pure air
between us.*



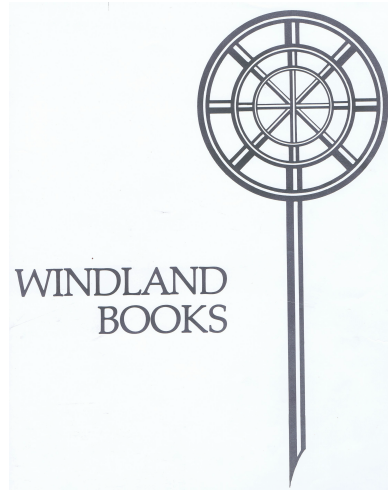
UNDEFINED

*I'm left searching
for the love,
and looking for
the future.
I am not satisfied.*

*I've looked the way
to the new world,
but cannot say that
the world is for me.*

*Though the world
we cannot see,
and the future is more
than we have to share,
and if we do not seem to care,
then the world
is more or less aware.*

*Did we as people believe,
and we as people succeed.*



OUR LOVE IS TRUE

*I've forgotten that night,
the word left to us,
the feeling escaping
both of us.*

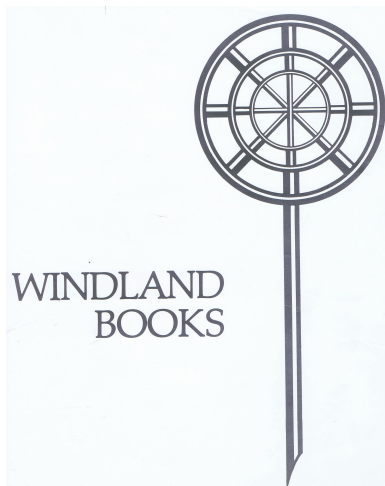
*And the time left alone
we could be but one.*

*If our love
is left behind,
we could begin again.*

*And if our love
is the two of us,
we cannot share
our views.*

*And we are not
but the sky above,
we share our
beginning of love.*

*You can be the beginning
and all I have is you,
then the day has no surprises,
the light is our life
and our love is true.*



ADVENTURE

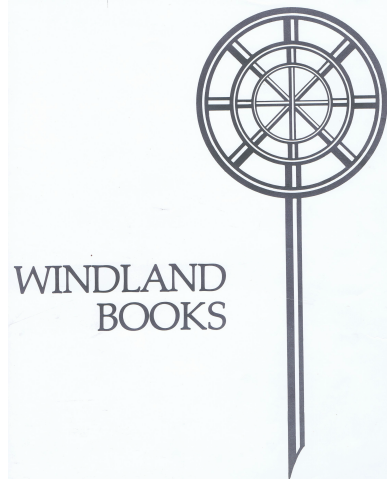
*What ever happened
to the adventurer's
of yesterday.
Searching for more,
a world apart from our own.*

*A journey shared
and still not scared
of a new world.
What were they looking for
that we do not search for today,
Adventurer's of yesterday
still not afraid.*

*In our time,
we have no surprises,
we are left behind
all life's disguises.*

*Searching for discoveries,
to be the first.
Maybe they were looking
for the peace of mind,
or they were looking
for a way to change the earth.*

*The power, the love,
to hold all that we desire,
to be the one
who lights a single fire.*



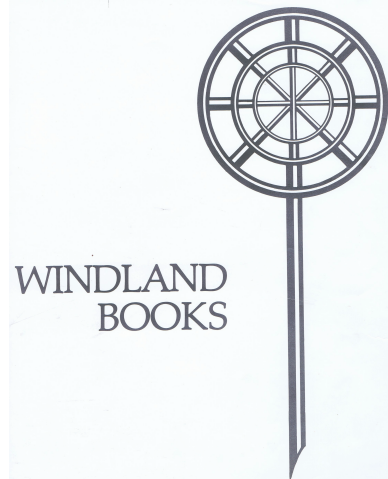
EARL

*I dropped a pebble
in a pond,
and watched
the ripples widening.*

*As they moved
I was reminded
of how I once knew you
as a child,
you were a giant man,
a world that
could not be shattered.*

*And as I grew
I remember you
as a gentle man,
quietly breathing through
the life that existed.*

*And as the ripples
begin to thin,
and the last days,
came to be.
I remember the sorrow,
of seeing your life
slip from me.*



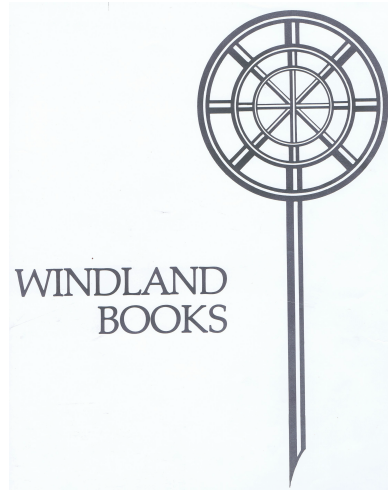
KAPRIN SKY

*Another day,
and still my dreams
have not come true.*

*I often wonder
if there is another way
then sleeping,
to see my dreams.*

*The stillness
of the air around me,
as if no friction
can hold me back .*

*Maybe its the force
of a greater soul,
that changes the way
I fly.*



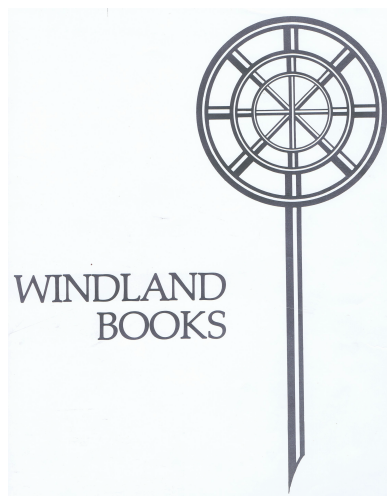
THE BE BOX

*So livid with color,
its brightly lit gems
shine an aura of beauty.*

*Its texture
is worn to a polish,
well cultured exterior*

*It radiates its warmth
as would your true self,
to all whose eyes touch it.*

*It locks only the essence
of being, inside,
and stops all reality
of life from getting in.*

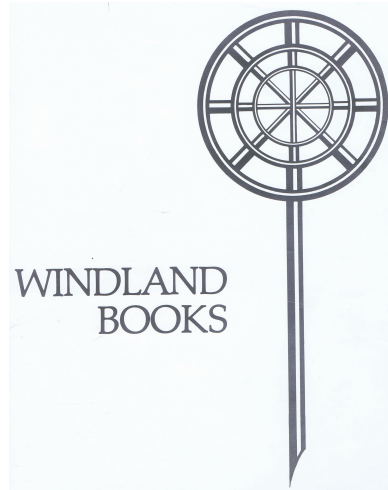


CARING

*Your hyper heart
has taken its toll
on us all,
Your push button fingers
run so out of control.*

*Your eyes barely see,
your ears never
stay to hear.*

*Life speeds us through
all too quickly,
that we all need to stop
and listen
to the stillness,
and see the tears.*

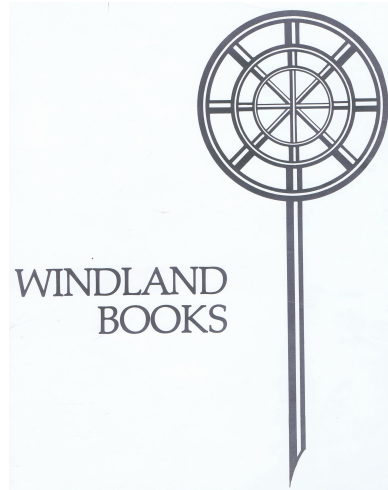


AN INTRO

*I've always wanted
to make them laugh,
my friends
they all have sad eyes.*

*I've always wanted
to see them loved,
I tried so hard to see
that there is someone
there to meet.*

*Its easy to do it all
for them,
What's hard is
doing it for one.*



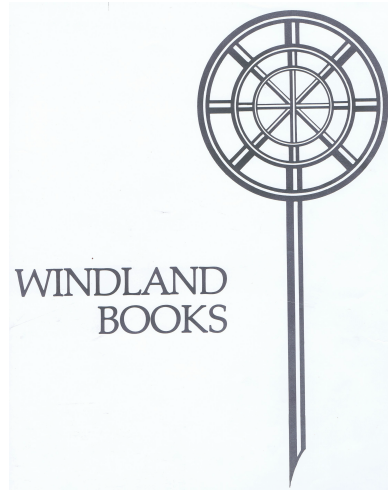
HEAD ON WITH TIME

*I was on my way to see you,
Talking to myself on the way.
Driving in a daze as always,
the road hadn't phased me much.*

*I've often stepped outside,
not to play.
But to see myself
as I am today.*

*Then my whole being
came to a stop,
and the world rushed by,
it only lasted for a second,
but the feeling
I cannot forget.*

*Its as if I hit
head on with time.*

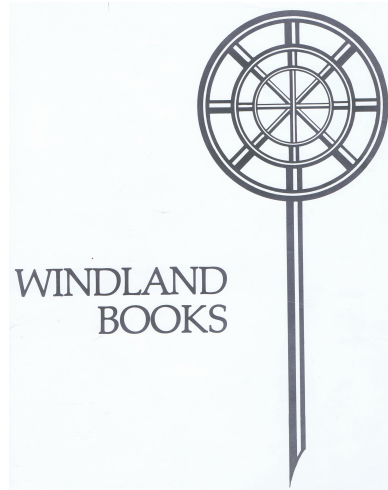


JOSHUA

*You speak to me
in words I do not understand,
your expressions
tell me stories,
the adventures of a little man.*

*Your quiet smiles,
your sinking frowns,
even at this time
tells me your emotions run high.*

*And the laughs you give,
when your happy,
makes my heart see
this is a good life.*

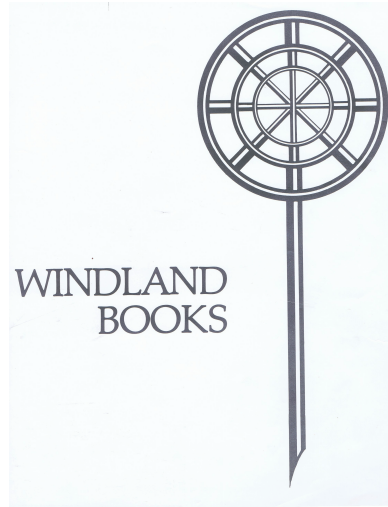


LIFE IN THE FAST LANE

*I've traveled at cruising speeds,
scattering bits and parts of me.
Slowing only for the radar,
and speeding when I pass.*

*I left only the memories,
to all you who have seen.
Images that say Im here,
just another thought to clear.*

*There is a world that I found,
if I could but shut it down.*



1979

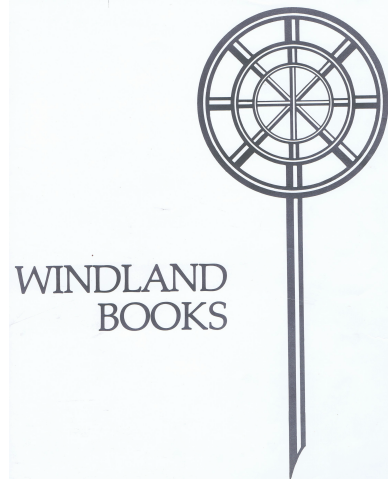
*I can't help
but think of you,
all your many moods.*

*I always wonder where
you are,
in Alaska or very far.*

*I always feel
I made a mistake,
by letting you leave
this place.*

*I even left you with
a lasting impression,
a lonely man in desperation.*

*If only I had not
broken the way back home,
in my heart,
I wouldn't be alone.*



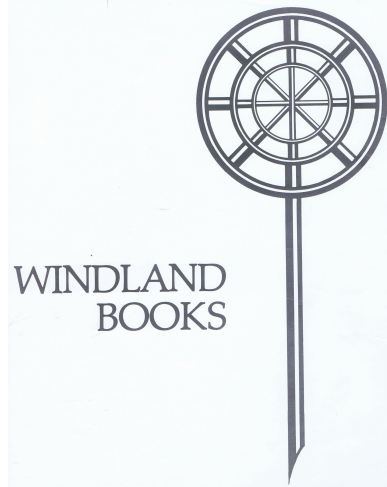
LISA

*To describe the beauty
I see is hard,
its as if I am afraid,
to limit it to one word.*

*You leave me tongue tied,
as if I spoke one word,
I would have no other
to follow.*

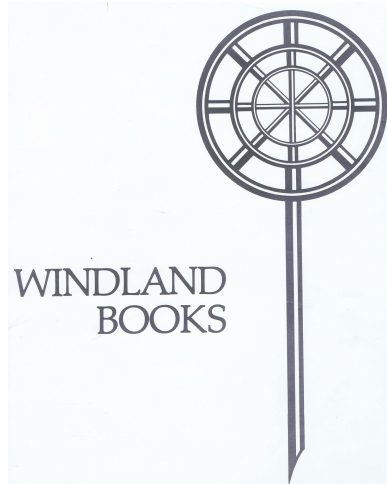
*And your eyes
leave me spell bound,
keeping me mesmerized
my heart paralyzed.*

*Its hard for me
to describe the whole you.*



MY FRIENDS

*I saw the moon today,
going down followed by the sun.
The light chasing me,
as if dodging into the darkness
was the only way to avoid
any close encounter.
The feeling there
catch's me when I am unaware,
and I remember
the life I had,
The friends
I've left behind,
still seeming to touch a part of me.
Its the moon light
that holds me here,
and the sun that gives me
the light to dream by.
The thought of my friends
I've loved them,
They are all a part of me.*



Mike K.

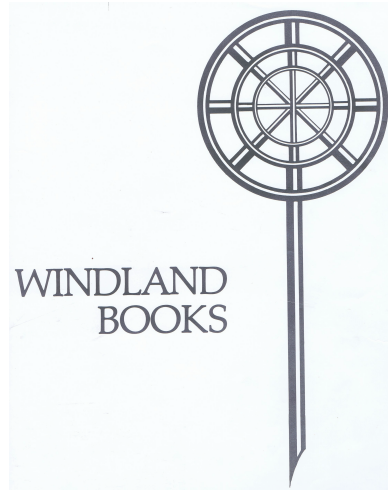
*You have left,
empty faces fill the wall,
but the thoughts,
fill the minds of us all.*

*The only friend
real to me,
one who let
me be me.*

*Left crashing
by the fall,
the silent pain
hurts us all.*

*A space for you,
to take again,
when its time,
we will be friends
together again.*

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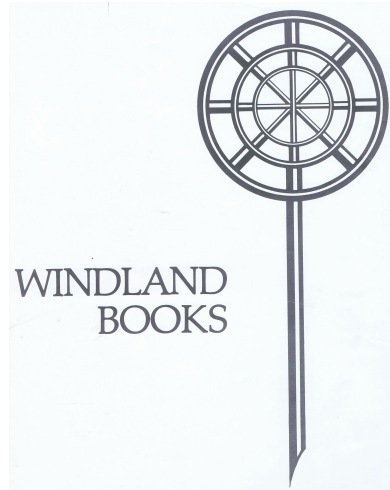


A LONG DISTANT FRIEND

*A long distant friend
you know you cannot defend,
what your life is all about
when your not there.*

*So why do we try
to stay in touch,
to tell each other
who we are.*

*A long distant friend
you cannot pretend,
one who picks up and go's
with out saying goodbye again.*



NIGHT DREAMS

*If I were left
to fly alone,
in the moons light
I would travel.*

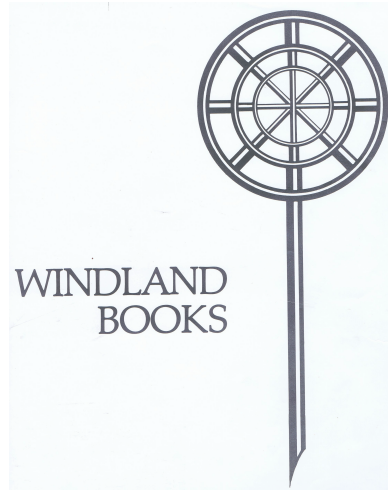
*I can achieve more
in the dimly lit haze,
While others are soundless.*

*I am able to move
more freely,
no barriers
to hold me.*

*I can even see
my old friends
around me.*

*There is hardly
a struggle from my ally's
just a bit of emptiness
in there eyes.*

*And I am able to
do more before the twilight.*



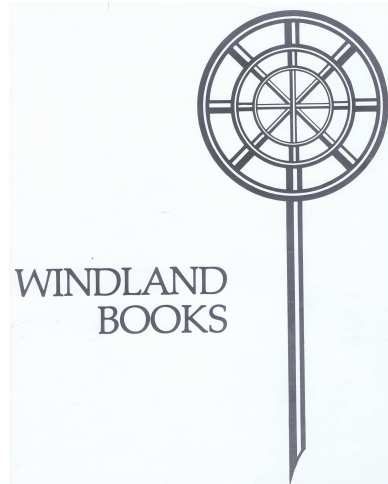
FURTHER FROM HOME WE FLY

*We fly
reaching higher
to the sky.
I didn't mean to change
the things you knew.*

*Days spent looking
for the life, the night,
the sun drops from sight.*

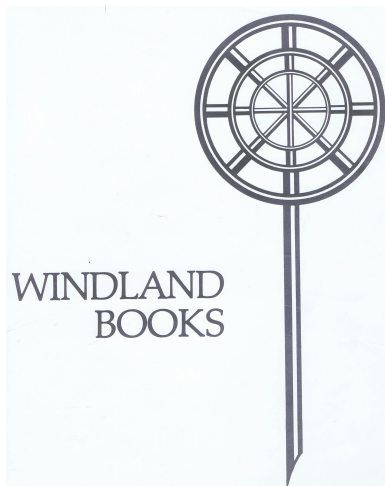
*Leaving the night sky
traveling alone,
the day has flown,
the day has gone.*

*We fly
to bring back life
to the things we once
were apart of.
In going
further from home
we fly.*



JASON

*I gave up
some things in my life
for you.
You've changed my awareness
and my ability to relax
while I sleep.
Its not that
I mind watching you,
I do enjoy seeing you grow;
It's your ever demanding
personality that drains me,
making it harder for me
to recharge myself.
It's like driving a car
on a empty tank with
ten more miles to go.
All I can do is try
and hope that you to
can understand why I
may not always be so happy.*



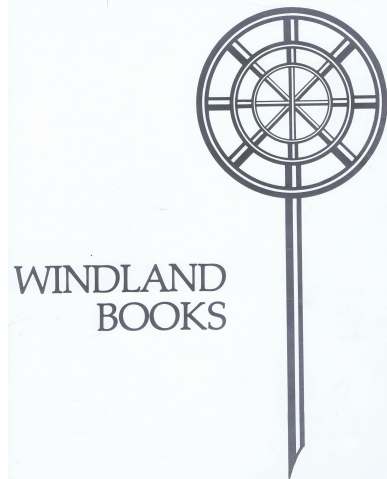
PAST AND PRESENT

*Lately I find
I am losing sense
of who I am,
unaware of the thoughts
around me.*

*I sit and prepare my lifes work,
repeatedly I speak out
trying to impress
my own mind,
not necessarily
that of others.*

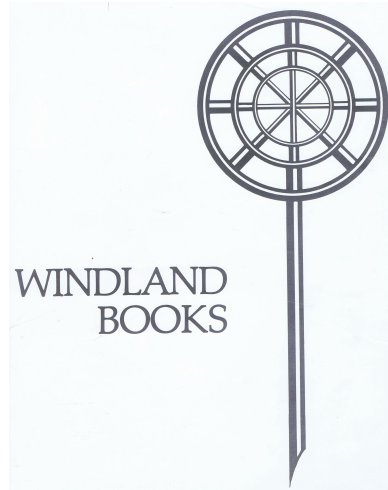
*I am hoping someday my sons
will listen,
to the things I've said,
and wonder as I did,
what was going through my head.*

*I didn't mean to change
the way the sun drops from sight,
the end of another day
and still such a fight.*



THE CHALLENGERS VOYAGE

*Its so sad
how you tried,
so hard not to lose
the gamble of life.
you can not forget
though you try,
because your warmed
as you walk into the light.
The power to overcome
the strange sense
of failure is gone,
with the victory
of the challenger,
and the seven new stars
in the night,
we move on.*



MY DAD

*As a child I've seen the dream
awakened by my dad's scream.*

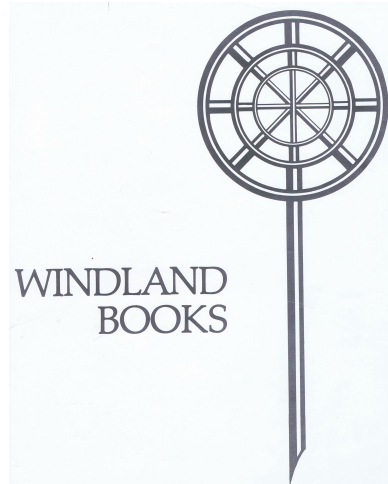
*My eyes glistening
he sees an unspoiled life.*

*As a child I've loved the dream
he showed me more the need,
my light shines
and he sees a way.*

*As a Boy I've changed the scene
I moved from his own means,
my warmth burns of rebellion
and his own eyes begin to change.*

*As a boy I've screamed
I saw his dreams,
My confusion changes the seed
he showed me his needs.*

*As a man I've left the dream
like him I scream,
I've seen his tears,
now he no longer hears.*



ELUDE

*The purple sun glows
so brightly in the sky,
forcing its way
into my eyes.*

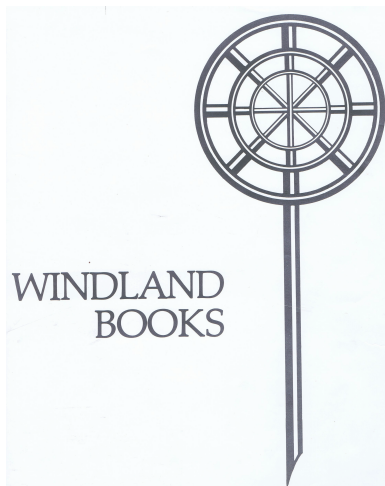
*The pressure I feel
pierces my mind
ever so sharply.*

*The restlessness i feel
takes me for all
that is a safe part of me.*

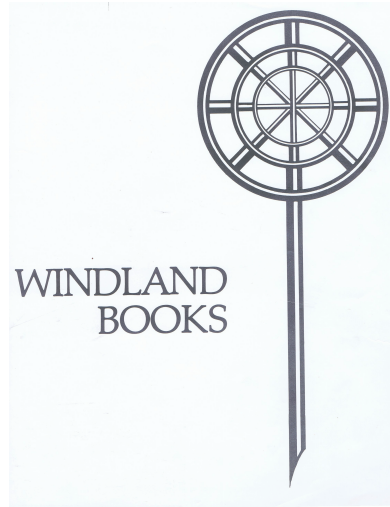
*I feel uneasy
in my present state
a feeling of not
accomplishing
what my lifes goal are.*

*I feel the time changing
as the warmth of the sun
covers me like a blanket.*

*I slip into a thought
of what I've been before
and how so many times
I wished to be more
then I am now.*



*The sun slowing
my present perception
of the way things are,
it gives me the restless
desires that keep me
hungry for more to grow.*



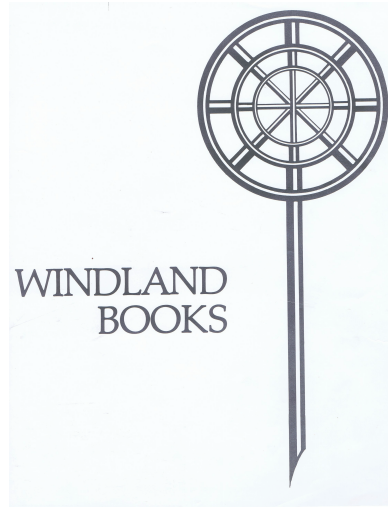
I HOPE

*I hoped the day
would never come,
that which I love
and share with you is gone.*

*I hoped the day
would never come,
that we could not
be as one.*

*I hoped the day
would never be,
that we would
not leave separately.*

*I hoped this is
all but a day,
that is not
misunderstood.*



A PROMISE

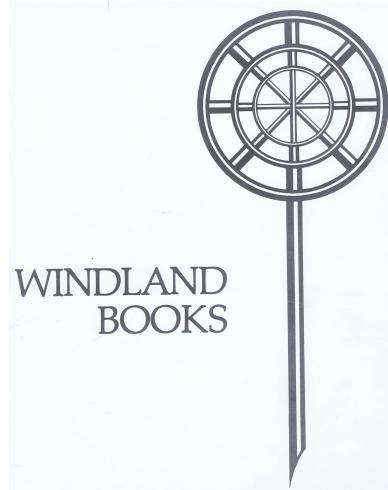
*I always promised
myself I would never
be hurt this way again.*

*I always thought
that we could feel
each others pain.*

*I guess we don't talk much
about the way our day has been,
and we don't share
the needs within.*

*Something to lose
with nothing to win,
we struggle for the life
and we still have to live.*

*Something to see
with nowhere to go,
we feel the need
and then we know.*



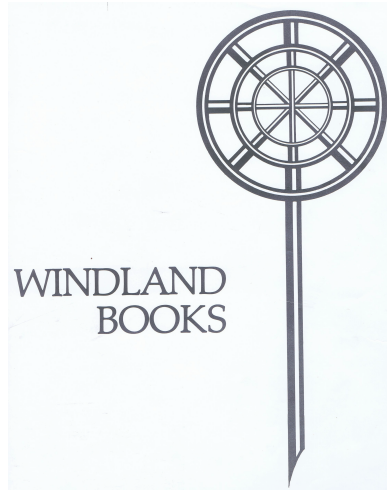
THE SECOND LIFE

*The child sees
the eyes of another
and they are the same
as his own.*

*The child breaths
the air of another,
and to a new life
he is born.*

*The child touches
the shell of his brother
and his life
his memory is recovered.*

*The child tells
the love to another,
and to a world
a second life undercover.*



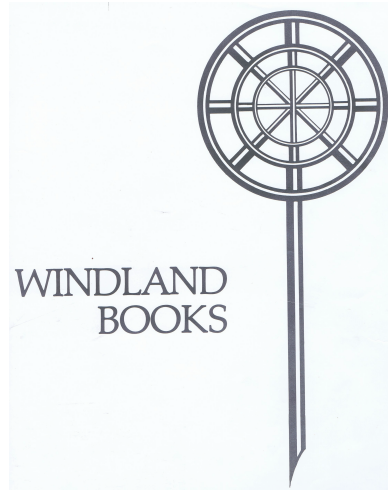
I LOOKED

*I looked for
you yesterday,
but today
I spent time in the park.*

*I looked for
a light to show me,
but in a way
I'm lost in the dark.*

*I looked for
the answers,
but lost the questions
somewhere along the way.*

*I looked for
the love,
but could not find
a word to say.*



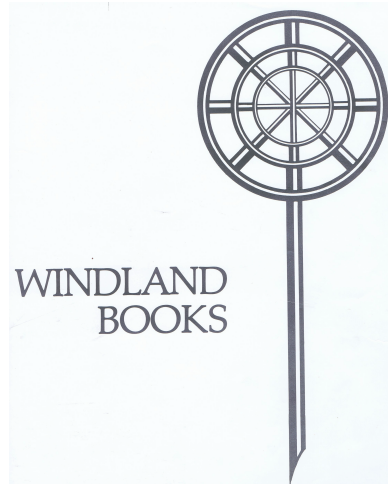
DREAM NIGHTS

*My time has been so preoccupied
by the separation of life,
I've reached for the stars
that come out at night.*

*Why when I sleep
do I leave the pain,
Still the nights life
brings a dream of another plane.*

*I haven't spent the time
watching the flowers change,
can we say what we mean
and stop playing these games.*

*In turn I've reached
to the world spinning,
and for the moment
heard an angel singing*

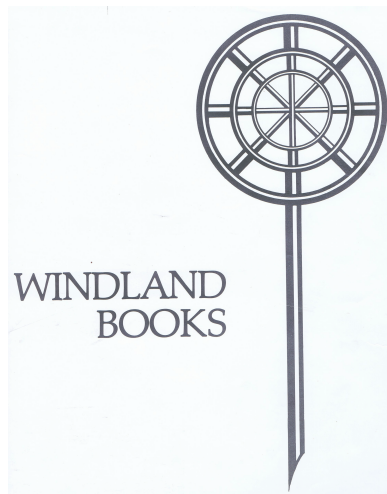


WE

*We move the world
and do we know what for,
can we teach our children
what love is for.*

*We reach to the stars
looking for the answer,
we still come short
of the picture.*

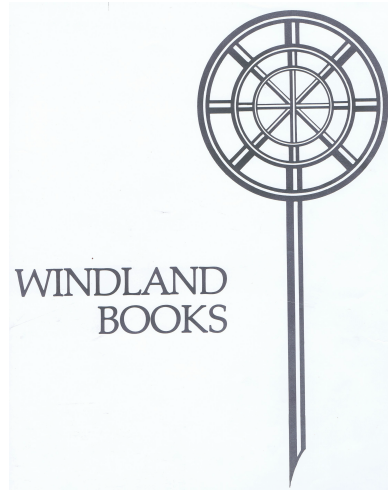
*We touch our lives
to the sun,
looking for the answer
we are but one.*



WHY WORRY

*I am not going
to pretend it never happened
because it did.*

*I am not going
to dwell on it
because it happened.*



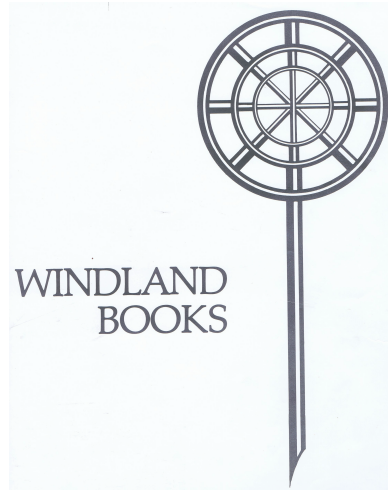
WHY

*Why bring your ideals
into this place,
is it not for me to see
what's inside the space.*

*Why show your faults
to the world,
it seems more important
to express the word.*

*Why do you let me
see my true self,
Its the dusty memories
I've taken from the shelf.*

*Why are you so willing
to let me share,
the feelings I saved
and began to bare.*



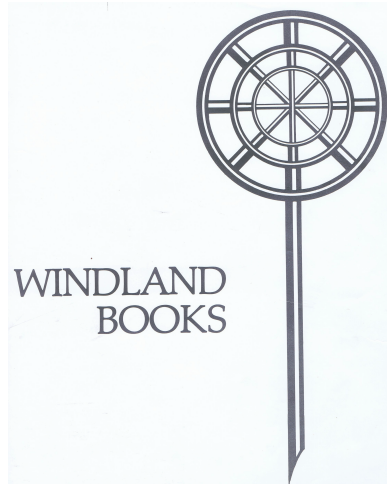
YOU TOOK AWAY

*You took away
a part of me,
you broke my heart
the love inside of me.*

*Its going to take time
for me to be free,
Its going to be a while
before I feel the need.*

*You took away
a part of me,
you broke my soul
and killed the intimacy.*

*When your are here again
I'm not sure that we,
can be true to life
as friends can be.*



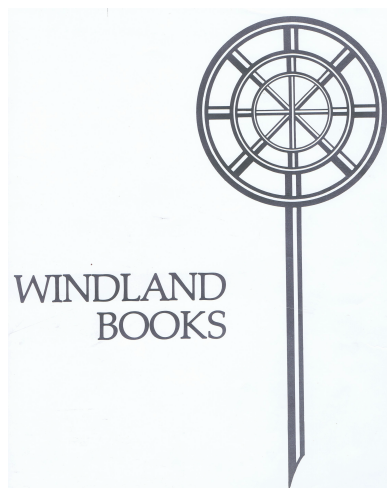
CHANGES

*I see your life
as you don't
I watch the changes you make
and the mistakes.*

*I see the world you shape,
the pieces you fit
that bring together a picture.*

*I want the empty
space found,
In a wooden place
white with emptiness.*

*I dream the moments
I shared with you,
and cannot remember
if you were there.*



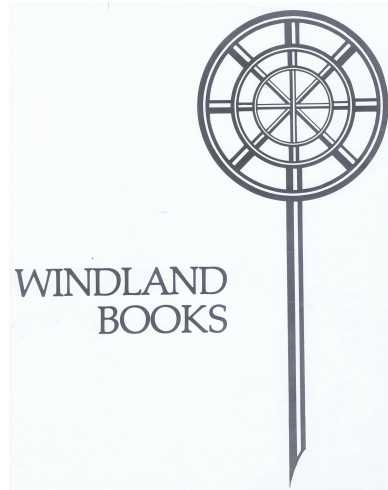
FAREWELL

*If I were
to remember your love,
it would only bring
pain from within.*

*And if I were
to bring you a flower,
You long for the life
that is not at hand.*

*If I were
to give more of my love,
would you show me
a part of your life then.*

*And if I were
to leave you forever,
would taking my own life
make you feel the pain.*



***TO A BELIEVER;
IN A UNBELIEVABLE WORLD***

*Lets begin again
with no lies
that keep us from living.*

*You showed me
with your eyes,
that life is worth living.*

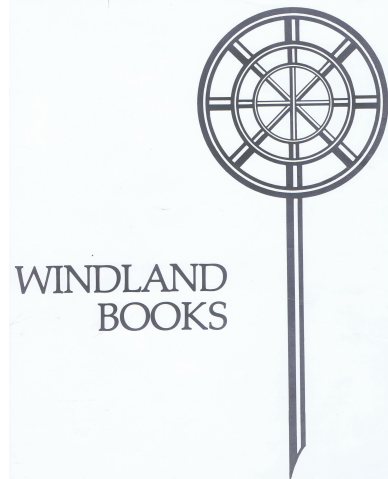
*But please understand
that a new love
cannot bury the old in the sand.*

*Your love would have to be
more than a dream
that would understand.*

*My drunken nights
may bring to me pain
and the chance to see who I am.*

*I cannot forget
a hurt cut deep inside,
but with you I could
start a life again.*

*Would you be
able to see me with others,
my suns are more
they are my brothers.*



*Your giving to me
in the time we shared together,
you gave me more
than any other.*

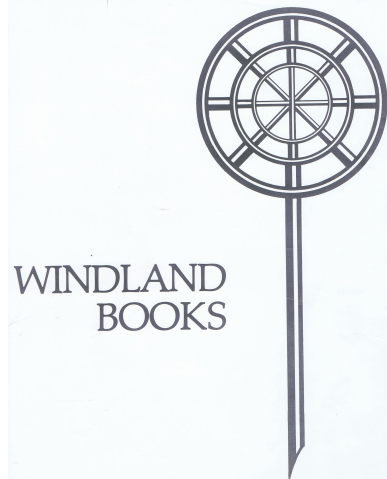
*I've made mistakes
that I wish were few,
but if I could believe
that maybe you knew.*

*I've only loved
what has been my life,
and wish I could be
a part of the light.*

*So give me a chance
to scream out the pain,
so that someday
I may love again*

*And if you could
only see,
what I lost
was a part of me.*

*I need the strength
of your love,
to make me
that what I want to be.*



THE FINAL DAYS

*They fell with me
there color was no color at all,
there shape
as different as us all.*

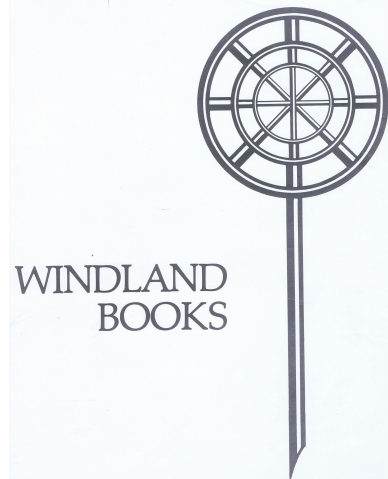
*Winter has come
early this year,
and its blanket laid down
with out a wrinkle.*

*The final days
before you left me,
I new there
would be no sun.*

*They fell with me
their own life interconnecting,
floating slowly
to the earth.*

*Beneath them
lies a mark,
cut deep
into the ground.*

*The final days
were hard for me,
I sensed your desire
to be free.*



ODE TO AN ANNIVERSARY

*I lost the world
that which was my life,
at times I feel as if
I don't belong,
and my friends
no longer hear me.
I awaken with a feeling
of being out of control,
nothing to turn to,
a scattered soul.
I should feel bitter
for the way things
have become,
but I feel compassion.
for the one I love.
I'm not sure where
it stopped,
what hurts me most
is the feeling of being lost.
What was it
that I said, or didn't say,
or did, or did not do,
at this moment
I'm more confused.
I don't even know
how to begin again,
who to turn to
when I need a friend.
And if I could share
a love again with you,
I don't believe it
would be as true.*



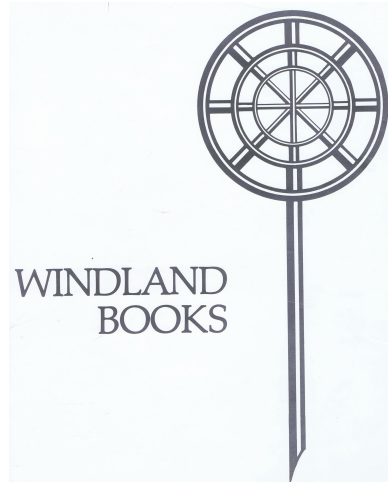
*And if I found someone
to ease the pain,
I would hope that
I could love again.*

*The silence has eaten
a hole inside,
we were better off apart
then together you said,
but you may feel good
and you think should.*

*But of the lies
you've shared with me,
I'm better off dead.*

*And think how great
I am doing,
But what they don't see
is my insides burning.*

*Sometime this year
I lost my home,
all the things I love
fell in a hole.*



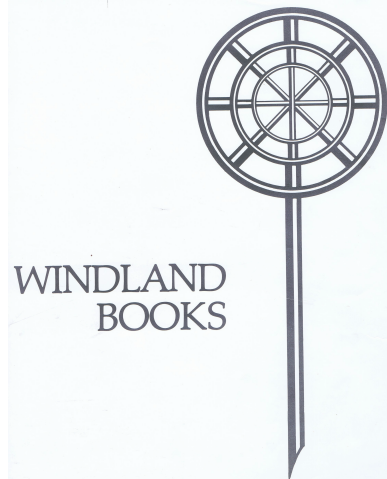
BOBBI

*It seems like ages
since I've seen you,
your constant smile
and laughter has been
a healing light to me.*

*I remember the good
moments we shared,
and moments walking
together in the
cool night air.*

*I left you standing
at the door,
I walked away
from so much that
I do not know,
but in time I hoped
you could show me.*

*And yet I still
cannot find the answers,
to all the problems
left unsolved.
The fog that restricts
my vision from seeing,
you clearly in time.*



FAR AWAY

*Far from the mess
of insincerity,
the sun still brings
the warmth of humanity.*

*Far from the screams
out loud,
the sun still shines
above the clouds.*

*Far from the world
you reach for another way,
but you quit before you began
and went on to another day.*

*Far from the grasp
of the past,
its sad to think
that it didn't last.*

*Far away from
the love you showed me,
you stripped me
of my reality.*

