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Two Poems

Zelda Friedman

Untitled

On his birthday
the birds are back
who love singing
their own song

Cynthia By Her Painting

(for Cynthia Reeves Snow, October 2, 1906 - May 21, 2001)

This latest canvas
calls out one color
in prolific variation,
the Pacific Ocean
vast and deep.
Stand back. Look. See. Perceive.
First stillness, then movement,
then infinite movement.

High and higher, we go up the stairway
to the second floor of her home.
Two bent women,
aged and aging,
contemplators, bodhisattvas,
ancient instigators,
climbing an inner landscape.

Arrived, Cynthia sits to the right
of the painting. She is
to my left as I stand
facing the two creations,
Cynthia and her painting.
She has said, "one more painting,"
and again, "one more."

In the full creating
has this painting created
the consummate Cynthia,
intricately moving the inner landscape
deep and deeper
in infinite completing?

work of art

—*Flushing, New York*

Echoes of the Sea

Gillian Huang-Tiller

— for Margie

i have traveled to water
to know it's not the land's end

the journey beyond
flows in echoes of the sea

from ocean to ocean Crusoe
blesses the waves, each for

its sacred link to its former self
in valleys or through peaks

on the horizon, the third eye
surveys distant points

volcanoes make the clouds dance
spewing not dark specks

but doves descending
to fire the spring

—Wise, Virginia

enormous room

Michael Casey

I see them walking towards me
in the stockade yard
and they are always trouble
Bundy and Wolfitz
what now? I am thinking
I don't want to talk to them
I don't want to see them
I don't like to even look at them
Bundy had accused Wolfitz of abuse
and to be sure things change and now
Bundy is Wolfitz' particular friend
and it is the most bizarre thing
these two prisoners
had heard
I was out a day's work
from the stockade guard duty
for ready Vietnam training
they walked over to me wish me good luck
and both of them had been there
and yeah I shook hands
I thanked them

—Andover, Mass.