

THREE POEMS

by **Ron Seitz**

BEING CENTER

here
in dusk(dawn
memory)light

softened by weight
bending branches
against sky
beyond trees
darkened by sun
now hidden

eyes enter air
dissolving
here



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THOMAS MERTON

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the shade of my hulk amove in time
 a shadow cast forward to envelope my spirit
 a spectre cloak to wrangle my weight upon the pavement
 the heavy gravemark I carry aback all these days
 an echoed tome that will not still the tomb

THOMAS MERTON —

his life a fleet phantom passing-thru
 a memory vision'd Cold Mountain climb
 a longday lone monk tracery May
 a cowl scrawl of cryptic cables to what Ace?

THOMAS MERTON —

his face flesh caught framed by space
 an ear to the hidden rhythms of a voice
 so weary with write waiting the call
 to mark the void with silent song
 to initial empty his portrait a Person

THOMAS MERTON —

a motioned body blanking white this page
 of *what* of *why* and *WHO*
 have announced to audience always
One and None

ENCLOSURE

a hushed landscape
 inflicting breath
 upon the stone horizon
 of housed solitude

inheriting the word
 of absence
 hid silence
 inside a wall

still names
 swallowing
 their recognition
 in poverty

the taste
 of hunger
 an empty bowl
 of light

the ineffable vow
 of desire
 an endless present
 of willed freedom