

TWO POEMS

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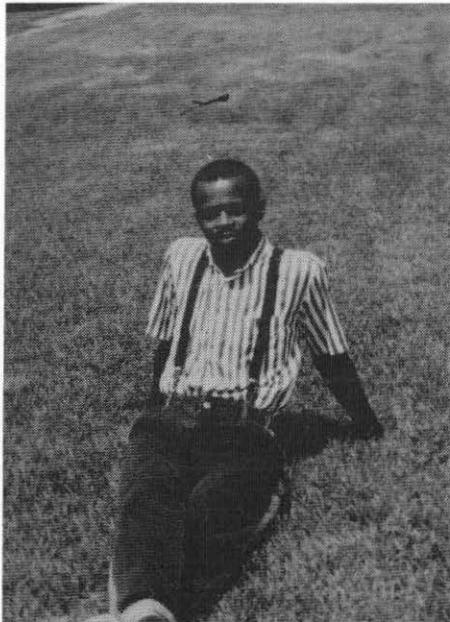
FLOWERS DO NOT TALK

(for Alice Walker & Thomas Merton)

Blood speaks-
flowers do not
yet,
the flowers' silence
redeems the
brokenness of
the blood.

MEDITATING ON THOMAS MERTON

The hidden ones
Are our saving grace,
Seen not,
Nor heard,
They are our voice to eternity.



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