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## AN IMAGE

JOE HART

The subtle consternation of the sea,  
The constant sea that sleepily engulfs  
The sodden, deep-sunk posts of wooden piers  
Is heaving its involvements to the sand.  
The sky is low. Already I can feel  
The nearness in an image  
Of the deepness of the sea.  
I see the sea in human conjuration.  
Up from my depth I think the depth  
Of oceans.  
About the sea - I wonder what there is  
About the sea; a magic I can touch  
About the sea.

## ON GEORGE'S OTHER FRIENDS

JOSEPH HART

Love as many people as you like,  
Have as many lovers as you want,  
Just don't fall in love with someone else,  
And love me best.  
I will be here after you have gone  
In my dusty ill-considered house  
Imagining you as the morning comes  
And wishing we were on the telephone;  
Submitting my indifferent little poems  
To indifferent little magazines;  
But not growing older. No, not me.

# IN A HOT TUB

KEVIN P. RODDY

Two lithe lesbians and I, calm lovers,  
Lay lesson to the way it once had been,  
Floating in our common mother's waters  
Before the age of owning had set in.  
Adam patriarchal, limply evil,  
By telling lies, cast sleek Lilith home-  
Wrecker, enemy of Eve his angel-  
Weaver, dividing so he still could roam.  
Rather in paradise the love of kind  
Someday will transcend simple greed and lust,  
Providing parturition from the mind:  
A generation clots, blood dampens dust,  
Grows from fountains' exhalations, through far  
Astigmatic fogs, to splotches of stars.

# PLUMMET

KEVIN P. RODDY

At the conference no one'd hired me  
The old man I propositioned had refused  
In stark confusion, I went up to our room  
And tumbled out the window--  
The old men wait in rooms  
And we like shit along the sewers  
Rub ourselves headlong down the halls  
Pouring out into an earth that mindless  
Accepts us. I found no meaning  
In my own descent.

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