Poetry Gallery

AT DAWN

skies yarn
on sun
whose reds run
to light and circumstance
while birds dance
beneath tree
boughed reverently.
Sea applauds
wind lauds
our God who has had his way
ordaining the cast of day.

by D. C. McClinton
Oakland, CA

BABIES MAKING BABIES

Some Kids Are Just A Pain
Morning, Night, And Noon
Some Kids Never Grow Up
Others Grow Up All Too Soon
With A New Birth In Her Arms
And Another At Her Side
They're All That She Has
To Give Her A Sense Of Pride.
Stop This Wheel Of Shame
Stop This Wheel Of Pain
Baby Ain't Got No Name
Don't Know Who's To Blame.
Babies Making Babies
Where Do We Draw The Line
Babies Having Babies
It's A Sign Of The Times
Babies Making Babies.
You Say When You Get That Feeling
You Just Got To Do It
But Oh, Let Me Tell You Child
In Real Life There's So Much More To It.
And Whether It's A Lovable Lad
Or A Priceless Baby Girl
This Ain't No Cabbagepatch Kid
You're Bringtin Into The World.
When It Comes To Life And Love
Tell Me Why Can't You See
That Love Carries With It
A Sense of Pride, And Responsibility.
Hooked On The Labor Of Love
You Gave Into A Feeling Unknown
And After Motherhood The Hard Way
You Know, Love Don't Live By Sex Alone.
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APARTHEID

Verdant, beautiful Africa
is slowly awakening to her destiny.
Raped because she is bountiful,
well made lies her history.
Leopold; His evil southern ilk,
carved her like a fruit filled pie,
took her like a cow to milk.
Drained her blood for sickly Europe's nuturance.
In some parts of Africa,
absurd becomes the law.
Darker skins imparts effective barriers,
citizenry, a hinerance,
ancestry and ownership the flaw,
the lock keeping noble owners from their homes.
Fear and ignorance, the rules that meet,
keep a glorious mix of mighty nations out the game,
a game that treats Africa's beautiful children as beasts.
Men, women and machines, interchangable commodities.
Here, decency is a masquerade.
Justice- just an alibi,
a gray excuse for blue eyed thieves murderous priorities,
madmen's Nazi brute parade.

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MYSELF

Like a small molecule drifting through time and space-
Having a purpose for being, yet unknown to others-
Charting its own course with great precision and care,
But not once forgetting where it descended from-
Finding a place for which to settle and grow,
Even if it means having to stand alone in a crowded space-
I'll still continue to be MYSELF-

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