MY OLD MAN

Silent and lean, with tired, scarred hands An eye that melts ice, an eye that cuts glass A complexion of toil and dust

he is the land.

A nod of approval would be quite enough, But it wouldn't be right He rules with fire, he loves in ice A hermitage of denim and rawhide, he's a man in himself.

A clenched jaw, a red eye, a tight lip
And when Ma died, one tear
But no more.
He's my father. I love him.
And he...love...

it's understood

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FISHERMAN

Exhaustion, etched on by salty winds and brine. Mirth, a merriment of rivulets crease his visage. Satisfaction, seen in his eyes, he is content.

Worn nets, painstakingly mended, folded.
Worn ropes, smooth and slick from use.
Worn hands, calloused by sea, sun and hard work.
Worn elothes, comfortable and carefully mended.
Worn eyes, strained upon miles of mirrors of hope.

His father lived with the sea also; His son will too. The legacy will continue, like the sea.

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Gretchen Colonius

LE SAUVEUR DE DESESPOIR

Oh, petit homme au visage peint, Qui est-tu? Tu vis derrière un masque de rouge, blanc, et bleu, Avec le nez d'argile et un tel amour Nous te voyons rire, danser, tomber, et rire encore.

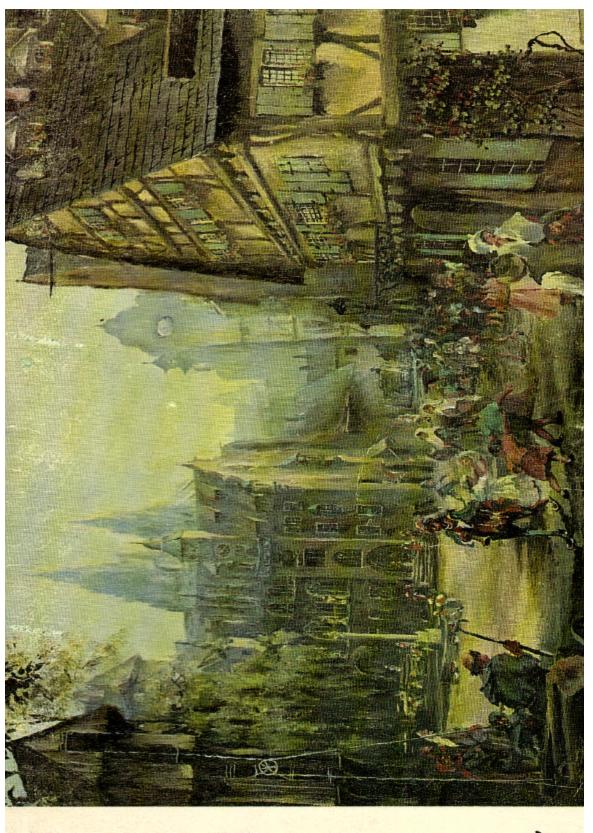
Mais nous ne te voyons jamais pleurer avec ta souffrance, Car tu tiens ton douleur à toi-même, pendant que tu souris Et ris avec innocence. Tu nous sauves de notre propre desespoir. Toi, n'as-tu pas de désespoir?

Je suis un rustre, et oui, je connais le chagrin aussi, Mais je ris, je danse, et je tombe Sans souci, Car je suis le Sauveur de désespoir; Je te donne la vie, la joie, et l'espoir.

Je choisis de devenir le sot, que
Sais tu,
Car je vois que tu es fatigué, battu,
Et rompu.
Je sacrifice mon orgueil pour toi, ainsi je peux voir
[la lumière-Tout ce que je demande est que tu partages ton amour,
avec toi j'ai partagé.

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STUDENT POETS

Matthew Weiland, first place winner, is a student at St. Edward High School. He is on the staff of the school literary magazine as well as that of the school newspaper and hopes to pursue a career in writing. His poem "Le Sauveur de Désespoir" was included in last year's Pied Piper.

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Other student poets whose work is included in this book are Melissa Betz, Fairview; William Bir, St. Edward; Michael Branicky, St. Edward; Tami Creps, Bluffton; Kristen Eckart, Fairview; Julie Foulkes, Bluffton; Mona Henry, Bluffton; Kathleen Kiser, St. Paul, Norwalk; Daniel Marihugh, Defiance; Beth Moser, Marion Harding; Karen Poeppelman, Ft. Loramie; Rhonda Rau, Bluffton; Joy Rodabaugh, Cory-Rawson; Tammy Satterlee, Fairview; Holly Sell, Fairview; Sylvia Trost, Bluffton, and Deborah Wilson, Defiance.

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