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* Best Poem

** Best Short Story, Jerome Robbins Memorial Award

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*** Best Poem (s)

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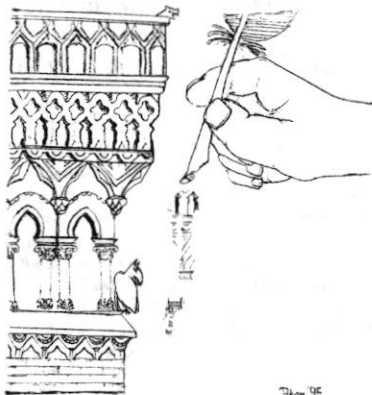
A Living Soul

N.M. Bodoff

words are
Meaning
as I reveal
and attempt to share
my thoughts, my feelings
my true self.

words are
Deception
as I construct
and hope to hide behind
my persona, my facade
my conveyed self.

words are
Tension
as my companion wonders
and continually ponders
these words, those words
which are which?



At Random

Ilan Haber

I beheld a beautiful thought today
yet I can't remember what it was
silvery voices softly stirring
lost within a moment's tug.

I glimpsed a second's revelation
as the sun swept clouds clear
taking strength, firmly warning
the heavy sky hovering near.

The moment trips, the wave moves on
into the throes of melancholy drone
banality sits, the image dulls
awakening a familiar monotonous tone.

Thoughts at random, sometimes gold...
sometimes lost before they're told.