



1966

WHY MAN?

Tell me why people are born. Is it
Just that they may die?

Is it because somebody has to be
Here to enjoy to enjoy a flickering star in
the sky?

If there were no life, there would
Be no ugliness and no things of beauty.

There would be no hate and there
Would be no love.

And there would be no reason for
The azure world above.

There would be no war and
There would be no peace.

And there would be no such thing
As a need for a priest.

Perhaps, there would be no reason for
The stars to glitter, or the sun to rise,
Or the earth to spin, or the ocean
To chase after the land.

Are all of these wonders for a thing
Called man?

ET CETERA

Creative Writing Publication

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

Seattle, Washington

1966

There is, in this world, at times,
Such inexpressible Beauty
As Man cannot bear to know
And not express . . .
He dies for lack of words
To share the glory.

Barbie Buchwach