

1992

## Untitled (Photograph)

Holly Aikens  
*Denison University*

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.denison.edu/exile>



Part of the [Creative Writing Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

Aikens, Holly (1992) "Untitled (Photograph)," *Exile*: Vol. 39 : No. 1 , Article 12.  
Available at: <https://digitalcommons.denison.edu/exile/vol39/iss1/12>

This Image is brought to you for free and open access by the English at Denison Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Exile by an authorized editor of Denison Digital Commons.

Perhaps he is entombed,  
Buried in the twisted wreckage  
Of a Phantom jet long since burned.  
Washed away in endless acres of dark,  
Steaming rainforest.  
And never knowing of the boy  
His cheerleader widow carried.

It was the axe man,  
On a Friday after the slaughterhouse,  
His shoulders weary of work,  
And his meager pay dissolved,  
In a three dollar bottle of wine  
And a wilted bouquet.

The child who could not be loved  
Observes the parental parade,  
Guiltily content to have avoided  
The characters whose blood he shares.

—Andy Heckert '93



Holly Aikens