

1986

## Dreams

Kent Lambert  
*Denison University*

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



Part of the [Creative Writing Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

Lambert, Kent (1986) "Dreams," *Exile*: Vol. 33 : No. 2 , Article 11.

Available at: <https://digitalcommons.denison.edu/exile/vol33/iss2/11>

This Article 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.

## Dreams

One little boy trapped in his room  
closes his eyes and slips away  
into a technicolor tempest his heart spits onto the floor.

With heavy feet he trods  
sodden beaches of a vanishing world  
then he kicks off his shoes and runs, laughing in the sea.

Little boys shouldn't talk to monsters!  
Little boys shouldn't play in their dreams.  
Little boys shouldn't hide in strange shadows!  
Little boys shouldn't play in their dreams.

His mother's voice comes like a slap  
and he turns to see her at the door  
but he won't go back—he can't go back, and he swims  
a little further from the shore.

Kent Lambert