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Abstract

"from a Cherokee love charm"

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smoke-needles resurrected on his toes. And by the light of the kerosene, words shot from the pores of his skin like ripe mosquitoes, and then sentences condensed in the steam, and paragraphs encircled the lantern like a festival of moths screaming story upon story in the overhead.

Listen to the first story, steaming from Graham's belly...

The Buddha and the Bellman

I noo the Buddha! Ay, dae I iver noo the Buddha! I've slept miself abin and ablow him...

IN ALAHIYI

from a Cherokee love charm

by David Sparenberg

In Alahiysi you make your home, mysterious
woman.

Now you have come near to hear me.

In Alahiysi is your home, light woman.

No one is ever lonely
when with you.

O—you are beautiful!

Instantly you have made me a light man.

No one is ever lonely
when with me.

I will not be downcast;

I will never be a bluman.

You have brought down to me
the road of light.

In midearth you have placed me.

I stand tall on mother earth.

No one is ever lonely
when with me.

I am handsome for you.

You have put me into the house of light.

I will be there through life's journey.

No one will ever
be lonely when with me.

You have caused this
magic to happen!

There
in Alahiysi,
woman,
you are listening.

I am of the Wolf Clan,
the one destined for you.

No one is ever lonely
when with me.

Let her put her soul
in the center of my soul,
never to turn away.

I belong to the clan fated for you,
when the seven clans were made.

I am fated to be a light man,
my face toward the Sun Land.

No one is ever lonely
when with me.

I cannot become downcast.

Covered with the eternal
house of light,
no one is ever lonely
when with me.

Your soul has come to the center
of my soul.

I embrace your soul.

Your childhood was in
Alahiysi.