



11-15-1999

## Judgement Day

Carol Hamilton

Follow this and additional works at: <https://dc.swosu.edu/westview>

 Part of the [Fiction Commons](#), [Nonfiction Commons](#), [Photography Commons](#), and the [Poetry Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

Hamilton, Carol (1999) "Judgement Day," *Westview*: Vol. 19 : Iss. 1 , Article 23.  
Available at: <https://dc.swosu.edu/westview/vol19/iss1/23>

This Poetry is brought to you for free and open access by the Journals at SWOSU Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Westview by an authorized administrator of SWOSU Digital Commons. For more information, please contact [phillip.fitzsimmons@swosu.edu](mailto:phillip.fitzsimmons@swosu.edu).

# Judgment Day

by Carol Hamilton

Cast me on a shore of trees  
that whisker a guileless sky,  
all blue. It must forget it ever  
clouded up. Put fences around,  
enclosures holding your thought in.  
There I can step past the horizon,  
enter your ether world,  
take on your skin,  
walk about in it, peek over  
the rim where night begins,  
see China all asleep,  
so heedless of my stare.  
With one foot on night,  
one on day, I'll walk out  
mumbling all those questions  
which bring frowns  
to grown-up brows,  
all those forbidden words,  
the ones Adam swallowed down hard  
so creation would forget  
they were ever even thought.  
Those questions are the ones  
I would ask you  
from this cusp of dark and light,  
from the air we both breathe at,  
from this unacknowledged air we share,  
I would,  
    how I would,  
        ask you.

