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PIONEER WOMAN

On barren plain
In savage sun
And gritty wind
She planted
Cabbages, potatoes,
Beans, and turnips
For the hungry young.

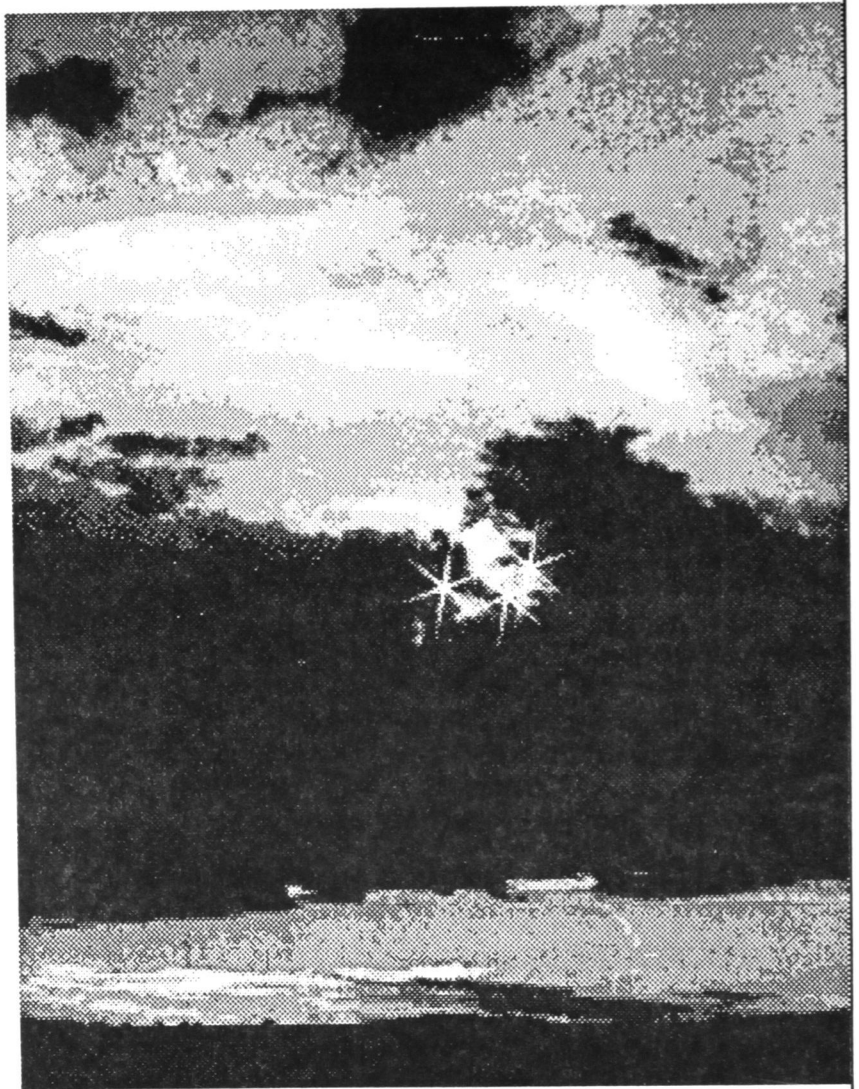
Around the dooryard
Purple lilacs
Yellow flags
For hungry souls.

THE PRAIRIE REMEMBERED

The sky is the sea of the
prairie ever changing, all
surrounding the round
island where I stand.
White galleons sail gently
on azure 'til demon winds
arise churning them to
angry purples, eerie
greens, horrid yellows.

When all is clear, the great
space ship shows its fiery
light as it slowly sails west.
Then darkness falls and a
thousand, million boats
turn on their twinkling
lights to embark on a
journey toward morning.

The winds of that great
ocean will forever play
through my harp of
memory. *



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