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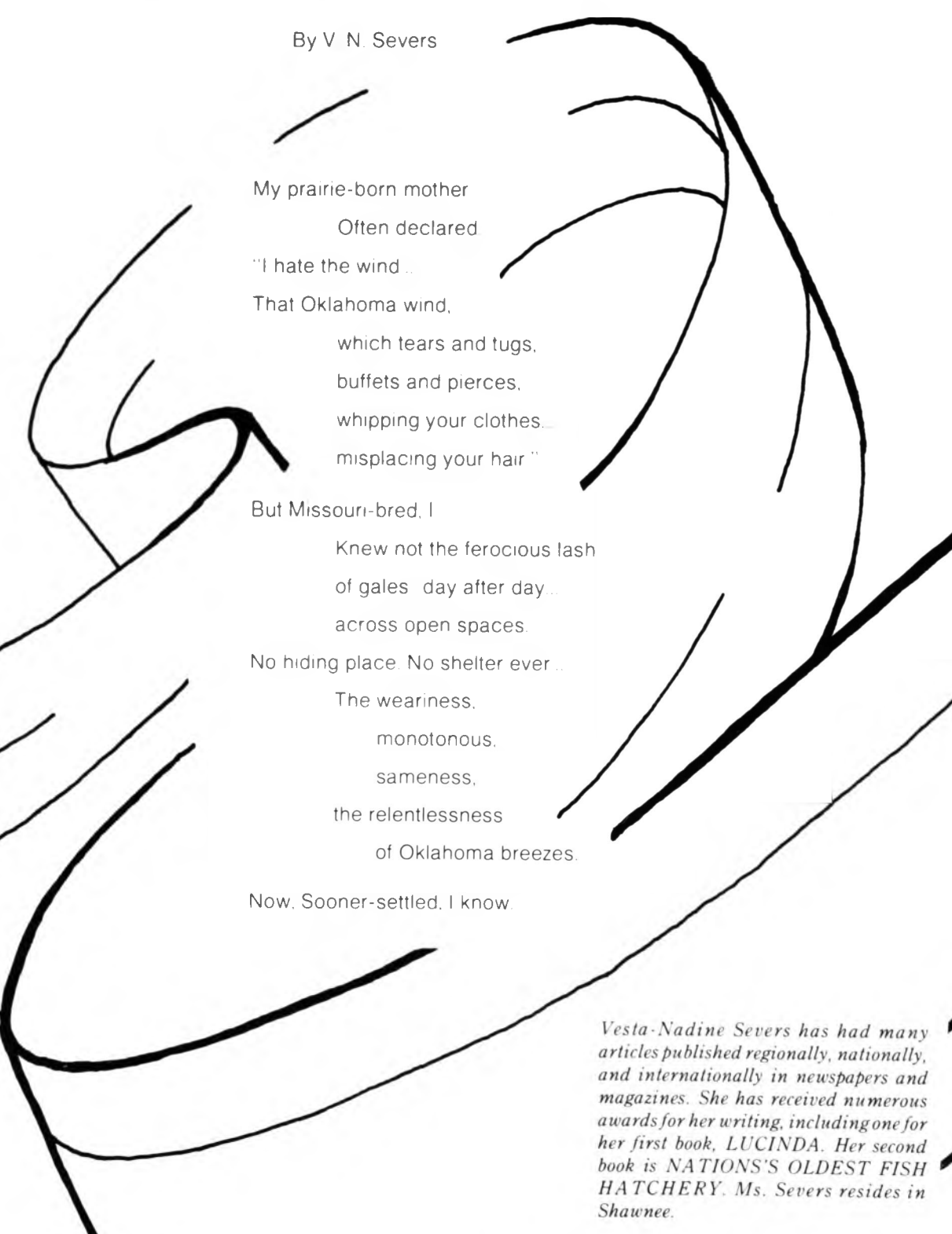
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By V. N. Severs



My prairie-born mother  
Often declared  
"I hate the wind...  
That Oklahoma wind,  
which tears and tugs,  
buffets and pierces,  
whipping your clothes...  
misplacing your hair."

But Missouri-bred, I  
Knew not the ferocious lash  
of gales day after day...  
across open spaces.  
No hiding place. No shelter ever...  
The weariness,  
monotonous,  
sameness,  
the relentlessness  
of Oklahoma breezes.

Now, Sooner-settled, I know.

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