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# FENCE-ROW SUNFLOWERS

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Fence-row sunflowers

Clustering thickly without direction  
Reeking strangely of bitterness  
Bending downward with restless breezes  
Crowding closely in competition

Fence-row sunflowers

Seldom noticed  
Often despised

But...

Delicately formed  
in

Sharp contrasts

Perfect sun-yellow petals

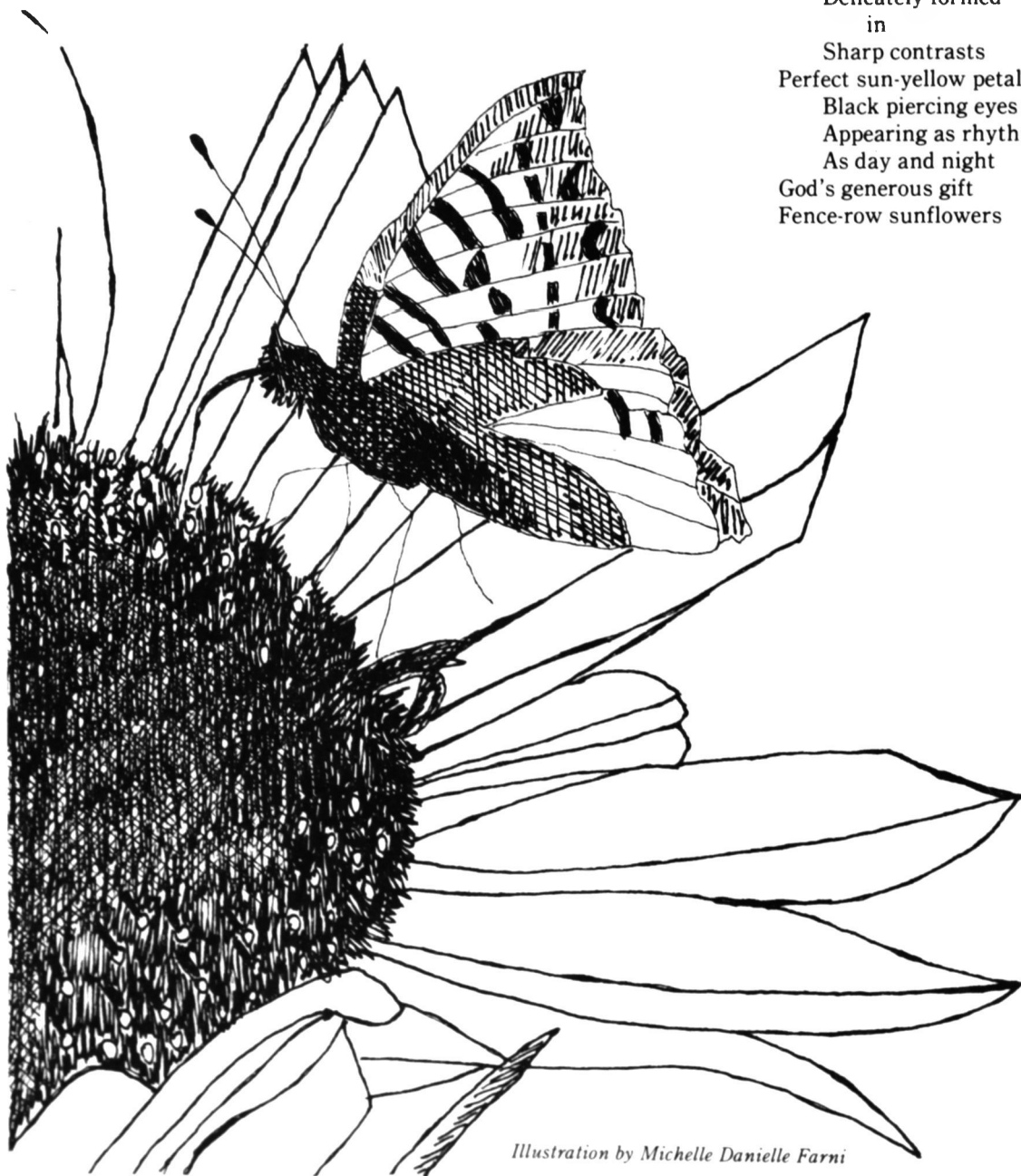
Black piercing eyes

Appearing as rhythmically

As day and night

God's generous gift

Fence-row sunflowers



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