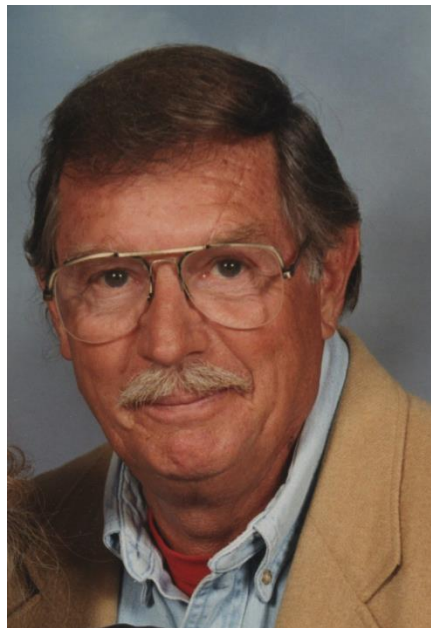


The Whisper

Into the vale hidden in lost dreams lies a whisper,
A whisper that is filled with ambiguity and restlessness.
It is nighttime and stars flickering in the sky call to the
Whisper as echoes of lost hours, echo the darkness of
The tarnished year: "Where is mercy, and dignity," the
Whisper asks. "Where is honesty and nurturing?"



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