ILLUSION

"I do declare," the preacher said, "I say, I do declare, The Negro is inferior Because he isn't there.

And bein' as I see none here And cause he isn't there I'd say that we may all conclude He isn't anywhere!"

Then from the rear of that lame crowd A man strode to the front, His face was dirty charcoal-black His features thick and blunt.

He walked up to the pulpit Then bowed to the holy man And said, "I beg your pardon, sir, But here indeed I am!"

The preacher sure enough was stunend And rightly taken back His eyes just goggled in his head To see that speakin' black!

The Negro then continued With a simply spoken air "I hate to contradict you But the Negro's everywhere.

He's just as smart as you white folks And just as clever too, In fact you all had best watch out His guns are aimed at you."

The preacher and the people stood Plain frozen to the spot, A Negro didn't say such things Or else be hanged or shot.

Then suddenly the spell was broke, "Let's git 'im," shouted one, The others chorused, "String 'im up It's time we had some fun!'

They all rushed straight up to the stand And grabbed the helpless man, Then dragged him out the church front door And towards an old oak, grand.

Then one did toss the hangman's noose Around the Negro's throat, Another one did prop him up And darned if he didn't gloat.

But when the white man pulled the stool To everyone's surprise, The Negro vanished into space Before the white folks eyes.

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Changes

First Week Blues over and sub-

First Week Blues over and subsiding, growing pains create a more comfortable air at U-Ha, Am feeling something, a new atmosphere. Ben and Angelopointing the direction quite clearly.

Many good people in the freshmen, and many smiles, hellos. Many freshmen seeming twice the age we were, last year, many only children. But there's a time of growth coming upon us. The air is easier to breathe this year, much musk and confusion being gone.

gone,
Walking the streets at night.
See a black brother, Hello, Smile,
He and I walking our street. Much
communication this year it seems
--a hug from Chekov a kiss from
Weente -- Hello's and smiles from new faces.

mew faces.

But comparative Utopia doesn't make it. Community is the thing. Community is exeryone. Sharing isn't hard, Ask James, We must have a complete sharing. Put your heads straight. Sharing is the thing. Free is the thing.

The enemy is clear, He's as proud, of the ground he stands on as we are. He's sometimes elusive but betrays himself easily, Obviously not having the balls of his nemesis. "You're afraid of losing your job but we're not afraid to die," Abbie will tell you Wednesday.

arraid to die," Abbie will tell you Wednesday.
Join, Everyone join, No meetings, we won't reserve a room for you, because we don't exist in Student Services. We're just there. Make yourself known. Between classes — in the cafeteria—lounge — comfortable hallway, or out on the grass. In classes, in your dorm, We're probably sitting right next to you as you read, We're everywhere. We're everyone. Seek us out.

everywhere. We're everyone, Seek us out.
It's all an education, get yourself educated, It's a community process. Transferral of thoughts, ideas. See the streets, feel their people. Read your books but know them for what they are, Reach for answers. Act. Action teaches and educates. Spontanaiety, discussion, express feelings and thoughts.
Make contact. Make everything sensual.

sensual.

Don't let instructors get you down. Toilet training is in their minds, expecting blind faith, Keep them thinking. Shit in your pants until you understand. Know what you're here for, Know what's beyond the blackboard, You can't have faith in something until you can touch it, feel it. Then it definitely exists. This is a university. For the students. THE STUDENTS, it's yours. Mold it Make your own. yours. Mold it. Make your own education. It's communal. It can't be done

alone. There are others to touch. To feel, Group education definitely makes it, it may be a different group each day. You educate as you're being educated. Be a part of everything you meet, Don't surrender ever. Not to grabby housing directors or two-free administrate. directors or two-face administra-tors. Be free. Everything here is yours, Everything.

by flowerpants

Brother

A silently brooding dark-skinned man Walked alone in the dark-so all alone. The fair-haired gentleman, finding a shadow drawing near, Taunted, "Nigger!", and taunted no one ever again.

The dark-skinned man walked on much farther. Being in limbo from his horrible act. A second adventurer happened along and sang out, "I love you!" as they met. Then they parted with a warm shaking of hands.

The New "Born Free"

Be born little black child In a world of constant sorrow Come and grow to be a "boy And white man's dope will blind you. For your tomorrow's you'll have to borrow.

Play ball in the lots of ashes and glass. In the streets where whites sell over-priced food. Grow taller, see the stares in Weaver as they say "Well, they all sure do have rhythm!" (they look the same too) Feel the lead-hearted cold of hate.

Fight his wars someday, black baby-lose your life. Fight for his love and lose that too. Fight for freedom and liberty and lose. Fight for a ray of hope from someone, can't find him. Fight-in the stick-ball streets of Philly; Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, New York, and Hartford.

Jim Walker

maybe sometime you will look at your whole face from the ground up to the heaven or is there something i can say to make you understand who we are maybe you would not be so afraid to reach out and take my hand or so blind as to think yourself anything but beautiful

-michael flowerpants

