

To him who in the love
of nature holds
Communion with her visible
forms, she speaks
A various language;
for his gayer hours
She has a voice of gladness

She has a voice of gladness, and a smile And eloquence of beauty; and she glides

Into his darker musings,
with a mild
And healing sympathy
that steals away
Their sharpness ere he is aware.

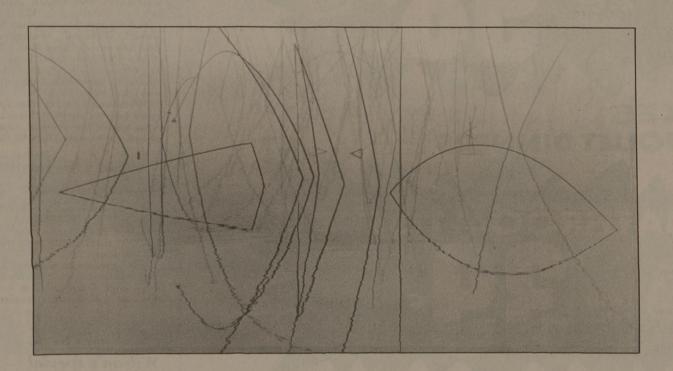
When thoughts
Of the last bitter hour
come like a blight
Over thy spirit,

and sad images
Of the stern agony,
and shroud, and pall,
And breathless darkness,
and the narrow house,
Make thee to shudder,

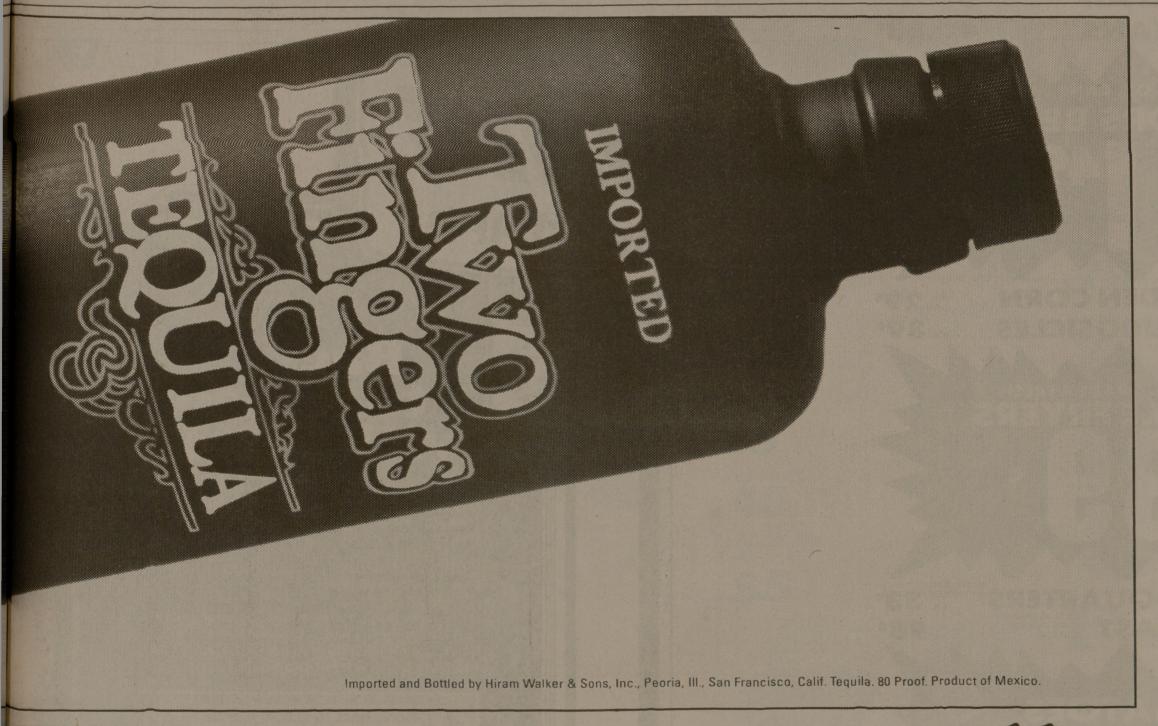
and grow sick at heart;— Go forth, under the open sky, and list To Nature's teachings,

while from all around—
Earth and her waters,
and the depths of air—
Comes a still voice . . . .





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is all it takes."