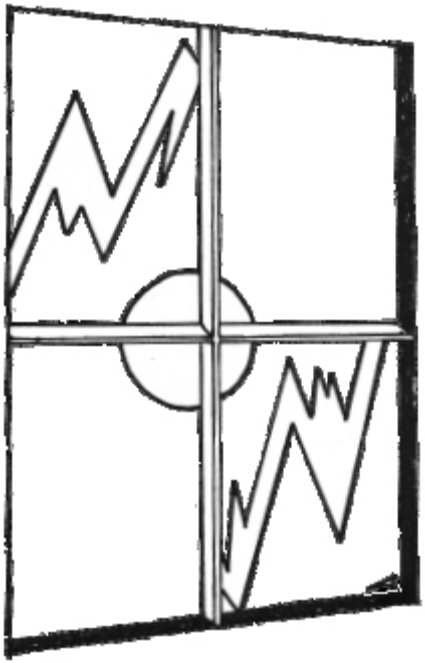
Cracked By Dawn

Love--
that precious stubborn hope
eating away the heart like a cancer,
tied with incurable passion
becoming both means and the end.

Love--
that cannot be gained or lost
only desired,
forces me to stay
but still says "No."

Love--
that gracious and cruel twist of fate
answers whispered prayers by night
then leaves me lonesome,
cracked by dawn.