

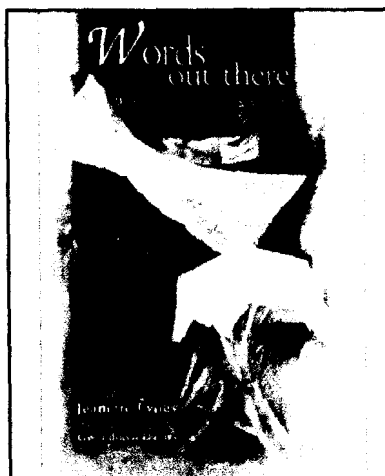
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## LORRAINE THOMAS

### Kohkom

Elsie flows like a river  
 Secretly thru my veins  
 Like a waking bear from  
 winter  
 Medicine comes thru dreams  
 Calling calling in whispers  
 Accented in forgotten Cree  
 Her Indian image preserved  
 On a black and white  
 photograph  
 She wore thick braids of  
 sweetgrass  
 Cupped by a bandanna  
 Small and sturdy  
 Birch bark skin  
 She was Mooshums  
 backbone  
 She walks carefully thru my  
 sleep  
 My mother's mother  
 Her moccasins dancing the  
 round dance  
 With ancestors of the sky


*Lorraine Thomas is a 27-year-old First Nations Cree. She has published several poems as well as a short story.*



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## DIANA PEACOCK

### Guérison

On espère  
 Que la blessure  
 Guérit  
 Finalement

Souvent on attend  
 Longtemps  
 Même jusque  
 A la fin de la vie

Cette blessure  
 Qui dure des années  
 C'est causé  
 Par une perte  
 Si profonde  
 Inexplicable

Ça hante tôt le matin  
 Et tard le soir  
 Mais l'assurance existe  
 Que la guérison viendra

*Diana Peacock is a Toronto poet.*

## MALCA LITOVITZ

### Bubbi's Limoge

When I look at your dishes,  
 your splendour returns —  
 casserole dishes with gold  
 rims  
 and roses on lids —  
 stately cake dishes  
 towering with the majesty  
 of the occasion —  
 breads with crowns  
 regal beneath the full moon  
 of the New Year;  
 the sugar bowl smiles  
 and the creamer dances,  
 curtsies to the New Year —  
 full, round, sweet.

Magical law of return —

God of small miracles  
 ringing in the year  
 on Limoge china.

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