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## TWO POEMS by Jolico Cuadra

## Poem for Joan

Begin: all things are graven true.

You — pacific-browed, Poem the eye Consumes

Gaze can every child's innocence.

Eyes of imagined flesh: Grow mind in Imaginary

Antlers! Zodiac of God where our

Eyes meet unending, Whose cry can You hear further

O farther than the fall-through man?

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### Poem

Though dark is candle's light And stern the shadow's flight,—

Let a gloom bloom, casting A pall upon us all.

But there by its being. Yet stark in anonymity.

A rose by any moon's flow! Your helmet of the sun,—

O vaulted in the heart, So far away from amity.

—Only harder to come by, And darker by one candle's light.