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Mr. Meier Back At BTC After Year’s Absence

Mr. Frederick A. Meier, popular dean of Men, has returned from a year’s absence during which he took advantage of a fellowship offered him at the University of Indiana. Teaching six hours a week, studying twelve, he passed all his exams and completed his work for his Ph. D. in Health Education. He is now in the process of writing his thesis, hoping to complete it by February, when it is to be submitted to a committee of five Ph. D.’s for approval.

While at Indiana, Mr. Meier also studied under Nobel Prize winner in medicine and physiology, Dr. Herman J. Muller, one of the chief reasons Mr. Meier made this university his choice.

Barn Dance Coming Up

Do you like to barn dance? If you do, come to the annual barn dance sponsored by the Men’s and Women’s Athletic Associations of Bridgewater Teachers College, Friday evening, November 12, in the Albert Gardner Boyden Gymnasium.

“This dance is an annual affair at the college and has come to be regarded as one of the highlights of the social activities on campus. General dancing as well as barn dancing will be held. James Fox and Rita Laughlin are co-chairmen.

Full Program Of Activities Planned For Alumni Weekend in November

Teachers College Ass’n To Meet In Worcester

The meeting of the Association of Massachusetts State Teachers Colleges will be held tomorrow, October 16, at Worcester.

Mr. George Durgin of the Bridgewater mathematics department, is a proposed candidate for election as president of the association. Mr. Durgin was elected vice-president last year. Running against him for the office is Mr. DeMirett Hancock of Lowell.

Balloting will take place during the morning’s session. Votes will be cast for the posts of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

Luncheon will be highlighted by a talk on “European Trends in Teacher Training,” by President Roeske West of Trenton, N. J., Teachers College.

Following the luncheon, sectional meetings will be held after which the meeting will be adjourned.

Miss Kendall New Member Of The Art Department

The staff would like to extend greetings to Miss Eleanor L. Kendall, new member of the Art Department. She received her B. S. in Ed. and Ed. M. from the B. U. Art Department and B. U. School of Education. Before coming to Bridgewater, Miss Kendall taught Art and Mechanical Drawing at broccoli Junior High School in her hometown, Beverly; Arts and Crafts at the Beverly School for Adult Education; Arts and Crafts at Farmington State Teachers College, Farmington, Maine; and was director of Art in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. She is now furthering her studies toward a doctorate.

Party For Commuter “Big-Little” Sisters

The commuter will hold their annual “Big-Little Sister” Acquaintance Party in the Commuter’s Room on Wednesday, October 20st at 5:30 p.m. A luncheon and entertainment is planned.

Chairmen of the committees are Claire Murphy, decorations; Lois Simmons, entertainment; Beverly Bradford, refreshments; Ruth Stupas, hospitality; Rosemary Welch, tickets; Virginia Daniels, publicity; Carol Chaplain, clean-up; and Peggy Leonard, equipment.

Campus Comment To Sponsor The Penthouse Party, Semi-Formal Dance

Social Calendar 1948-1949


Wed., Oct. 27 — Freshman Party Sat., Oct. 30 — Campus Comment Dance

Sun., Oct. 31 — Open House Fri., Nov. 5 — End of First Quarter Mon., Nov. 8 — Beginning of Second Quarter

Thurs., Nov. 11 — Armistice Day Observance Fri., Nov. 12 — W. A. A. and M. A.A. Barn Dance Fri. and Sat., Nov. 19-20 — Alumni Weekend

Mon., Nov. 22 — Thanksgiving


Mon., Jan. 24 — Beginning of Second Semester

New Policy Followed In The Dining Room

Open House, when Bridgewater students invite their relatives and friends to view the campus, dormitories, and Administration buildings, will be held Sunday, October 31. All buildings on the campus are open to public inspection at this time.

A reception and tea for parents and guests of the students will be given in the Albert Gardner Boyden gymnasium on Sunday, October 31, at 2 p.m.

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Five hundred and seven years of language is the total background of one hundred and eighteen freshmen according to a poll made by Miss Olive Lovett, English professor. This averages about four years per person. French, Latin, German, Portuguese, Greek, and Spanish comprise this huge total.

It is interesting to note that more students (21) have five years of language than just four (18). Nineteen students have a background of six years, twelve have seven years to their credit, while only three can claim eight years and two have taken nine years of foreign languages.

Latin and French take about equal honors in popularity, totaling 240½ years to 241½ years respectively. German is the most popular of the remaining languages.

One student, Mr. Charles McDonald, has the imposing record of twelve years of foreign languages. A resident of Stoughton, Charlie is a graduate of Boston College High School, class of ‘48. At this parochial high school, four years of Latin and three years of German are required. In their last two years, the students are given a choice between French and German and can take both. He participated in baseball and track and was on the staffs of the school.

Freshmen Claim 507 Yrs. Of Language Background

Alumni, who have been invited to return to campus over the weekend of November 19 to 20, will see the production of “Our Town,” a play in three acts by Thornton Wilder, which is being presented by Alpha Phi Omega, honorary dramatic society, in the Honore Mann auditorium, Friday evening, November 19.

A reception for alumni and students will be held in the recreation room of Woodward dormitory immediately following the play. The annual tea at which faculty members and their former students gather for an informal social hour will be held in the Albert Gardner Boyden gymnasium, Saturday afternoon, November 20.

The Varsity basketball team will challenge former members of their team, who now compose the Alumni team, to a game Saturday night in the gymnasium. A record dance for alumni and students will follow this game. This dance will officially close activities of Alumni weekend which is sponsored by the Student Cooperative Association.

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INITIATIONS

A new college year always brings new freshmen to Bridgewater and the second week of the college year always brings these same freshmen out of hiding in horrible aspects. Is it really necessary? Must they be made to wear those supposedly original costumes around the college buildings and into the class rooms? Is not the real purpose of initiation being forgotten in an effort to be humorous?

The purpose of initiation is to make the new students feel that they are a part of the college and to aid them in making acquaintances. A sideline spectator thinks that this could be accomplished without all the spectral appearance of the traditional initiation. If some form of initiation could be devised whereby the freshmen would be easily recognized yet not be ludicrous, then everyone would know who was who. Last year the initiation period was cut to three days instead of a full week. Next year let’s cut it to dormitory antics minus the atmosphere of getting even with the new freshmen for the way you were treated as a freshman. Let’s grow up!

IT BEARS REPEATING

Last year the constitution of the Student Cooperative Association was amended to change the method of nominating and electing officers for the Student Council. This Council is the governing body of student affairs and all problems except administrative problems should be brought to the Student Council through the division representatives. The decisions of the Council affect the life of every student and it is the duty of the student to take an interest in and support the Council.

Contacts with other colleges are made through the Council and the college participates in social and charitable work through the Council. One of the services of the Council at the present time is the support of students in foreign countries who are having a hungry time of it. Bridgewater Teachers College works in conjunction with CARE to send packages to specified students and this is paid for by the contributions of the students. Division representatives collect this money and it should not be necessary for you to be asked for it.

Remember, Student Council is you. Keep in touch with it through your division representatives.

Orientation Without Humiliation

Quite clearly the current controversy confronting campus kings and queens concerns initiation. (Repeat ten times to clear the throat of the current common cold.) Copies of comment and candid counsel confined, confuse, and confront us. (Use only with doctor’s advice.)

Pears

“I think that sophomores who can conceive such uninhibited displays of childishness should be confined to Bridgewater’s other institution.”

—FRED BODWICZ

With Malice Towards None

“I think that initiation is traditional and is part of college life if taken and given in that spirit. I don’t approve of the slight feeling of malice that prevails, however.”

—IRENE de SOUZA

This Is B. T. C.

“Initiation is a lot of foolishness for anyone who is supposed to be mentally developed to a college level.”

—C. ZANE PONDER

Revenge

“It defeats its alleged purpose because it is executed in the spirit of revenge for previous punishment.”

—DANNY CAGNINA

Means To End

“I think it is rather silly but it shows the freshmen their proper place on campus.”

—EVA TANGUY

Sound Confusing

“I am very much a gin—it is pointless because there were not enough men this year. They stretched it too far. Some form is helpful, but no extremes.”

—JOE PALLADINO

Good For You

“I think initiation is wonderful for infantile minds.”

—TEDDY CROCKER

Big Plans

“I’m for it—it adds a little color to the school. For men it started with our class and didn’t get too much cooperation, but it should become organized for future reference.”

—SAM GOMES

Cut!

“One day is long enough.”

—JEAN BURKE

Not For Vets

“The veterans put up with enough stuff in the service.”

—CARL SCHWAAB

Keep It Inconspicuous

“If they had some simple mark of identification like the freshmen had for the men it wouldn’t be so messy to the degree of absurdity.”

—LOIS DUNN

Birds Of A Feather

“Initiation is good to bring the class together as a whole if it is not carried to extremes.”

—BOB DRISCOLL

Isolatist

“As long as it is confined to women I don’t care.”

—JOHN MATTESON

A Petunia In Our Onion Patch

“By maintaining such a policy Bridgewater can hardly hope to induce young men and women of high caliber to attend this institution.”

—EVELYN NEWELL

Time Didn’t Fly

“The duration of it is too long.”

—NORMAN JEFFERSON

Shouldn’t Happen Here

“I think that initiation is childish and much too juvenile for college students.”

—RICHARD STOKINGER

Fitzy Say:

“Initiation is definitely overdue.”

—WALTER FITZGERALD

Watch Enunciation

“It makes for one mell of a hess.”

—JOE GREGG

B. T. C. Juvenile

“Of course we need college customs, but I still think that it is juvenile in the manner it has been done here.”

—NORA MIGLORATI

Orientation Without Humiliation

“Freshmen have a hard enough time getting oriented to college life without having to submit to this humiliation.”

—MARGE HANSON

Concentration In Wrong Spots

“I think there was an uneven distribution of punishment.”

—PEGGY BAINES
Gloves You Love To Touch
We have it on good authority that Margaret Dedin keeps all her money in an old glove instead of a sock. Hm!!
May I hold hands with you, Margaret? Is It Possible?

Latest addition to the O'Hara regiment in charge of Ft. Lena is Samr-.Jay I hold hands with you, Margaret?


Football Home
Bertram T. College has stood out in football lately in the guise of Tom Devine, Tony Lemieux, Ricky Sargent, Al Walsh, and Mike Sullivan, who are playing for the Town Team. Old B.T.C. is proud of you fellows. Keep up the good work!

Phone and Mail Orders Accepted
Latest fad on campus is hand-painted sun glasses by Marie Quirk as modeled by Faith Dudgeon. Marie is taking orders!


Summer Engagements And Marriages
Lena Matulis Engaged
Lena Matulis, member of the junior class, returned from her summer vacation with an engagement ring. Her fiancé, Ralph Stilba, is also of Brockton, is in his second year at Burdett College.

Frän Tattlebaum Married
Frän Tattlebaum, who left the sophomore class last June, is to be married Saturday, November 13, to George Carver, also of Dorchester. The ceremony is to be held in the Temple on Seaver Street, Boston. Mr. Carver attended Wentworth Institute.

Selma Rosenfield Married This Summer
Selma Rosenfield, former member of the present junior class, was married to Albert Skaiar, of Chelsea, Labor Day in "The Beavers House," Boston. The groom has completed two years at American International College, Springfield. They are now living in Chelsea.

Marshall Laforet Married June 13
A new member of the ineligible is Marshall Laforet, who married the former Ruth M. Christiansen, also of Wal­ tham, June 13, at the Wayside Inn, Sudbury, Mass. Mrs. Laforet is a gradu­ ate of B. U.'s School of Practical Arts and Letters. Mr. Laforet is a member of the junior class.

"Peg" Stetson
The engagement of Virginia Stetson, former member of the junior class, has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stetson, Fairhaven, to Lawrence Cole Cox, Orleans. An Oct­ ober wedding is planned.

Miss Stetson has opened a Kindergarten School in Orleans where the young couple plan to make a home.

Joan Bull
Mr. and Mrs. Granville W. Bull, Springfield, have announced the en­ gagement of their daughter, Joan, to Eric Sargent, North Attleboro, who is a senior at Bridgewater Teachers College, formerly serving two and one-half years in the Navy.

reasons why Gng. teachers have gray hair—or none at all.

Don't Tell Miss Pope
 Peg Hart and Di Hooverly have been showing off the latest style in pajama tops by wearing them in class lately. Tell us where you got them, kid! What will come next in Fashion?

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Many times the question arises, "What are the benefits of the teaching profession?" One young lady, a senior at Bridgewater, is convinced that there is much to be said for those people who enter radio contests for a living. Miss Claire Danis, a senior from Fall River, was the winner of the Mystery Man contest over Radio Station WALT on August 24th. Miss Danis won $1500 in prizes including an expense-free trip to New York, and numerous electrical appliances in addition to a cash prize.

The most humorous item in the list and one which produced a great deal of anxiety in the Danis family was a prize poem, complete with braille and saddle. What would YOU do with a posy? How and what would you feed it? With all these problems encountered by Miss Danis she had a most interesting summer. The New York trip will be taken during the Thanksgiving holidays.

When interviewed over the radio station, Miss Danis credited her ability to recognize the Mystery Man to her training in meeting people and her talent for observation of personal traits, both of which were developed at B.T.C.

S.C.A. Sponsors Acquaintance Social

"Lots of fun!" "Mmm. Free food!"

"Did you meet this freshman?" These are just some of the comments overheard at the Acquaintance Social, S.C.A. sponsored, held Friday evening, September 24, in the Albert Gardner Boyd Gymnasium.

Irene Boosey’s unique rendition of "Shuminen Bond" was enjoyed, as were also Peggy Kautzki’s piano-playing and the singing of Mildred Fantini and Fred Gurns for Thursdays.

General Chairman, Marie Vincent, Vice-President of S.C.A., was assisted by Mary Minerva, Gertrude Cardon, in charge of Refreshments; Marion Higgins, Hospitality; Phyllis Schneider, Publicity; Betty Oleary, and Veronics Apps, Equipment; Barbara Gallich, Clean-Up.

W.A.A. Welcomes Fresh

Every girl attending College is a member of W.A.A. Why not be an active participant in the program offered by your organization? W.A.A., under the able leadership of Anne Venti, has devised a full and adequate schedule.

The varied program contains activities which should appeal to the interests of all.

The major team sport offered this quarter is field hockey. For those who enjoy a fast, vigorous game, hockey is tops. Beginners are instructed in the rudiments of the game every Tuesday afternoon. Midge Knight directs the play and has scheduled the intramural games.

The popularity enjoyed by tennis demands that it be offered in the fall, as well as in the spring. "Pit" holds sessions for tennis enthusiasts who are eager to learn.

Other sports include: volleyball, badminton, archery, and hiking. If you are a nature lover, earn your credits in hiking while you commune with the great outdoors. In a less vigorous vein, Barbara McNiel offers to teach all interested, the fundamentals of social dancing. This activity is coeducational and takes place every Wednesday evening. Modern Dance is yet another phase of recreation provided by W.A.A.

If you wish to earn your "B," start now to participate. Requirements necessary to receive a letter are credits in four activities for freshmen and sophomores and 3 credits for juniors and seniors. W.A.A. will be as successful as you make it.

Clearing House—

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That's Nice

"I thought it was a necessary part of college life, but was overdone by a few. Most of the sophomore, however, were humane enough."

—MAUREEN RODENBUSH

The Hap Speaks Up

"The veterans are an exception, but for other freshmen in the long run it is traditional, and they miss something if they don't have it. If Boo Boy Tech can have it, why can't Bridgewater?"

—THE HAP

W.A.A. Conference Held By Teachers Colleges

The Women's Athletic Association Conference of State Teachers Colleges of Massachusetts was held on our campus, October 7-9. Delegates representing our eight sister colleges were welcomed Thursday evening at an acquaintance social in the recreation room of Woodward Hall.

Dr. Dorothy Ainsworth of the Smith College faculty addressed the delegates and the students at Friday chapel. "International Relations in Physical Education" was the topic discussed by Dr. Ainsworth. The visitors then attended panel discussions of mutual problems. Workshop, featuring a demonstration of sports, was held Friday afternoon.

In the evening a Jubilee Dinner Dance was held in the Boyden Gymnasium. Included in the program was a style show exhibiting the sport fashions of today in contrast with the romance in sportswear of yesteryear. The dance was open to the entire student body and many of the students swelled themselves of the opportunity.

Pleasant weather greeted the delegates on the last morning of the conference. The energetic hiked, the meditated, and the lazy roosted, but all arrived at East Bridgewater in time for the out-door breakfast. Chief Chef, Claire Danis, displayed her culinary aptitude, and no one died, as yet. The playday of sports commenced at 11:00 a.m. and continued until 2:00 p.m. Mixed teams competed in tennis, archery, field hockey, and volleyball. The conference concluded with a community sing on lower campus.

Representing the local W.A.A. board at the sessions were Anne Venti, Irene Bouley, Peggy O'Neill, Rita Laughlin and Virginia Smith.

General chairman of the entire affair was Irene Bouley. Chairmen of the auxiliary committees were: Jean Campbell and Rita Laughlin, recreational sports; Barbara Gallich, Jubilee Dance; Barbara Crocker, Education; Lois Gifford, Social; Kay Yoyo, Demiirity arrangements; Claire Klein and Roslyn Kolac, Hospitality; Kay Sala, Publicity; and Barbara MacDonald, Finance.

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Here's What Greenberg Knows

We open this year by extending our heartiest welcome to Mr. Frederick Meier, who has returned to resume his duties as Dean of Men, Director of Athletics, and science professor here at B.T.C., after a sabbatical leave at the University of Indiana.

Some of the lads who received their initiation into the game of soccer at practice sessions, are wondering how long it will be before their heads resemble that of the Naunterthal Man. This clearly illustrates the policy of the college in regards to using one's head for something other than a hat rack.

Football isn't an organized sport at Teachers College, but from the looks of the school crowds at the Town Team games, it seems that many of our undergraduates have adopted that student-studded array.

Congratulations go to Ricky Sargent, Al Walsh, Ray Lemieux, Mike Sullivan, and Tom Devine, not only for their fine play, but also for the community spirit they display by playing for the Town Team, which is sponsored by the civic-minded Veteran's Association.

Our general policy forbids advertising, but won't someone please volunteer for the attractive "jock of all trader" position offered by our popular math professor?—Hold it! The grapevine just reported that the job was obtained by J. K. (If in doubt about who possesses the initials, see either of the editors).

Despite schedule difficulties, our soccer team should give a good account of itself against a tough eight-game slate, with its first game played against Fitchburg on their home ground, on October 5. We have twelve veterans, led by Bill Sides, Al Mazurka ("The Hat"), and George "Swash" Pappas, returning to form a solid core with several freshmen aspirants ready to fill the gaps. Henry Hicks, the chief manager, assures us that everything is well in hand.

Playful! Election results reveal that the following will represent their respective classes on the M.A.A. Executive Board: senior, Simon Brown; junior, Warren Kieran; sophomore, Chet Smolzki; freshman, Bill Lincoln.

Top-hole, old chap! In reply to the lad who requested that he receive variety recognition for playing cricket during the summer session, we bring official word that tidily-winkles is the only variety sport recognized for summer school students.

"Something new has been added." You remember that old saying, I'm sure. Well, your sports editors would like to acknowledge the addition of Bob Cooper of Attleboro, Mass., as a sports reporter.

Faculty Quip of the month—"Music Czar Czar Petroff exercises strict control over all the "mutilions" in radio broadcasting studio." We must admit that Mr. Petroff has caused a few explosions in the industry.

Men's Club Plans Four Socials

Under President Jim Fox, Vice President Bob Driscoll, Secretary Bob Firing, and Treasurer Will Alden, the Men's Club plans to sponsor its most active social program ever.

For the first time, four socials will be given, breaking the old rule of only two. The Club has already given its traditional spaghetti supper, and one gay dance and two more suppers are coming our way.

Besides making sure the men are well taken care of in the way of good times, the organization acts as an able representative of the men in assuring that their voice is heard and answered. The group also works in conjunction with M.A.A. in supporting the show of the year—yet, you guessed it—Young Howard.

For the first time in the history of the Men's Club, they have an executive board; it is composed of Ed Wells, senior; John Hughes, junior; Brad Pierce, sophomore; and Bill Sullivan, freshman; all who capably represent their respective classes.

M.A.A. Discusses Plans For Season

The Men's Athletic Association, with President Marsh Lacroix at the wheel, called all the men together to formulate plans for a bigger and better year.

Secretary Walter Morrison reported the findings of a preliminary board meeting with Dean Meier earlier in the week. The items included an eight-game soccer schedule, an official varsity list for the past two years, and a vigorous intramural basketball program to be instituted in November.

Amidst enthusiastic discussion, the traditional all-male "girliest" show, "Young Howard of 1949," advanced a step nearer reality, when a group led by Treasurer Harry Nickerson began plans for selecting directors and laying the foundations for the greatest show yet.

A committee was also set up under Vice President Jim Fox to plan for a traditional all-male "girliest" show, with that hungry look on their faces. The aim of the team is to stimulate College fame.

After digging into plenty of vittles, they were prepared for anything, and it came, when the faculty members made their after-dinner speeches. To the delight of the audience, the brief speeches were interesting and incited gay chuckles, laughter, and applause throughout. Among the "orators" were President Kelly, Dean Meier, Mr. Durpin, Mr. Foth and Mr. Tyndall. Other faculty notables were Mr. Kelly, Dr. McMullen, and Mr. Rucker (By the way, the last three mentioned were brave enough to sit with the men at the individual tables).

After the crowded adjourned to the auditorium for movies on sports, and a technicolor movie on Cuba, which were shown by Fred Gustafson. Credit should be given to the officers of the Men's Club and to the following committees: Paul Salley, Ed Wells, Charles Gregory, Marsh Douthart, Harry Ohan, Bill Vaughn, Frank Hennessy, Warren Cooke, Bernie Miller, Howie Solomon, Ricky Sargent, Jack Berry, Al Coats, Ralph Desjardins, Ed Wells, Fred Nolan, Gene Margozzi, and any others who may have been painstakingly omitted.

Men's Club Has Spaghetti Supper

Men's Club, under the leadership of President Jim Fox, sponsored a spaghetti supper to help the men of the college and faculty members to get acquainted.

The men congregated outside the doors of the commuter's room on Wednesday, October 6, anxious to get their share of the spaghetti, apple pie, ice cream, cake, and coffee. When 6:30 p.m. rolled around, 100 men eagerly rushed in, with that hungry look on their countenances.

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Bridgewater Student Play Ball For Town Team

A fine example of how Bridgewater students participate in community affairs is the fact that five men are now playing for the town team, which is sponsored by the Progressive Veteran's Association. The athletes are Al Walsh, Michael Sullivan, Tiny Lemieux, Tom Devine, and Ricky Sargent, and are coached by Henry Wonnock of Boston College fame.

The aim of the team is to stimulate a feeling of good sportsmanship, provide wholesome entertainment, and to expedite the completion of the gym, now under construction. The gymnasium once completed will be the best south of Boston and will be available for varied uses.

The eventual goal is to provide a means for younger bodies and minds, improved behavior, morals, and spirit of fair play among the youth of the community.

Mr. Durpin, Mr. Meier, Frank Dunn and Happy Marzukina are all members of the Bridgewater Veterans Incorporated, and they extend a cordial welcome to any vet who wishes to join with them.

Here's a little hint to those who are wise. You can hit Frank Dunn for special student tickets. The remaining home games will be played on October 17, October 24, and November 25; be there at 2:30 sharp, the place is Legion Field. We'll be looking for you, too.

(For the way, did you know that in the past, the college gym has always been made accessible for town use?)
A welcome for freshmen in the form of a campus sing, a dormitory potluck, and a "big-little sister" party in the gymnasium, the "Hag Hoofidum" hop, was presented on September 13, 14 and 17.

Campus Sing, Party For The Freshmen

You don't know when it starts, but when it does
You wish to God that you could stop the show.
At first they come alone and then in pairs
And make sounds as through the mist they go.
They veut their purple lips and blink their eyes,
And grin and gurgle in their hellish glee;
They grip you tight with fingers slimy green,
Their bodies smell of weedv salty sea.
They start to rip the flesh from off your arms,
You cannot yell for help for you are choked,
You turn your head away and then you see
A distant yellow light that's dim and smoked.

The demons fade as shadows fade away,
The light grows nearer, brighter, there it heat,
Your eyes cannot look straight into the glow,
Your heart pumps rhythm with the blist'ring heat.
It grows still hotter, hotter, twice as hot;
You fall and cut your face on burning stones.
The blood that oozes out is sticky red
And paints a contrast to the sun scorched bones.

You stretch and try to pull your body up,
Your mouth is full of sand, you cannot yell,
Suddenly a mountain side gaps wide
And all the molten lava streams from Hell.
You see it coming — why try to breath or think?
And just as you feel dead and close your eyes,
A green sea tumbles down and bears you off
Through pools of whirling coolness 'neath blue skies.

When you get to the serene rest of eternal sleep,
You're greeted by the angelic face of the serene one,
You wake within the arms of God's love;
You're back within your cozy room.

You try to calm the throbbing in your brain,
His coils arc tightening; you can hardly breathe,
Before your eyes the ghouls of Hades loom.
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