

## **The Invention of Tools**

Does the venturing spider know,  
Spinnerette trailing silken steel,  
That breeze is made his launching  
Tool,  
Swinging him to an intended place?

For his entrance and exit  
Feverish Sun employs a profound  
Horizon.

How many rivers enjoy Landscape  
Altering their direction, enabling a  
Rendezvous with the sea?

Do magnificent Trees dream of saws  
Furthering their process of becoming,  
Their woodyness yeilding  
Under the metal's superior energy?

Like the eternal Olive,  
Or Honey—older than any bible,  
Or the essential taste of Salt,  
Few early Tools can claim the  
Song-filled achievement  
Of toothed Saws.

We use Each Other, creating  
Relationships, reputations, resentments.

Paleolithic Stone tools, sophisticated,  
Are the very means of ophthalmic surgery.

Mariners spoke no ill of Aeolus, god of Wind.  
They prayed for his cost-free propulsion.

Early people saw Fire not as fright  
But as a tool of process.

Plants learned that looking to the Sun  
Would accomplish cycles of growing.

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Tools may provide conceptual Maps  
Suggesting avenues to solutions.

Man's earliest maps were  
Made of Stars and Planets.

Men invented Money  
A universal tool—  
And for compromise or profit,  
The Deal.

Tools teach their usage when  
When we study their Language.

Wise men value Tools.  
Skilled users care for them.

Morality, a timeless tool  
Separates *right* from *wrong*.

—EAGLE AIR  
North Truro