

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