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**May 18 1944 - March 27 2007**



**Jim at Bearidise, August 1999**



**Jim, Don, and Roy at dinner in England Dec 2006**



Jim's favorite things: The relationship ... The Bear ... The house ... The friends ... The orchids

**For Jim.**

**In quiet thoughts**

In quiet thoughts I live again, the days that used to be.  
How rich in kindness, love, and care.  
How dear you are to me.

My memories of your sweet face, your arms that me embraced.  
Your words of love, encouraging.  
Our world, our time, our place.

Sleep peacefully; my love for now..... until we meet again.  
We'll blow around on Ainsdale Dunes,  
No more suffering or pain.

Roy Grant **The Bear** □

as i die again and again  
my blood killed by chemicals they call therapy  
i miss our cuddle his warm furry kiss  
naughty tongue  
smell of sweet sweat  
glint of strength in his bright eyes  
things he cannot do wrong

remember the picture of the rising sun  
through the snaky circle of the anhingas neck

and drift into the hypnogogic dream of the meadow and the bear

big ole grizzly lumbers from the aspen birch and plum  
a cub bouncing sometimes behind in the scent of strength security  
sometimes ahead turning and watch for glaring eyes and grunts of disapproval

the big one tasting meadowberries old eyes seeing mostly memories  
feeling the sun more slowly each day  
unable to chase now the trout  
but always sniffing under opaque gaze

the cub without the time for food  
chasing butterflies and nipping flowers  
hepatica and rue poppies and celandine  
pausing in mid-flight to see trouble was calling him back

each day the pattern was the same  
until one day beyond the lake  
beyond the alders rushweeds beautybushes  
he could not see or sense approval

he forgot the carefree dance and raced across the apron of the pond  
to find the giant that tethered him to the ground  
which had once stood and roared and fought the wolves  
saw strength and confidence stumbling staggering grumbling  
falling to the ground  
until  
all  
sound  
stopped

wind blew like winter shrivelling the flowers and butterflies

he sniffed and nudged and did not know this thing that did not see the sky  
had nothing more of light in eyes  
nothing left to call him back

he swallowed a whimper unheard by ghosts of insects and bright violets  
until light ran liquid from the sky

from the cave that was once so familiar alive and powerful  
lumbering himself and never bouncing like a cub  
he returned to the field  
where a scar grew upon the ground  
smelling strange of memories

until one day there was nothing left to remind  
where confidence strength and curiosity was anchored

after the long sleep he rose on his legs to smell the day  
to remember where he had to go  
but did not remember what he sought  
he saw the myriad of flowers bursting from the hidden scar  
and tasted once again berries he had known before

but never chased again the butterflies  
which had carried something to the clouds

the cub was not seen again in the meadow  
but was safe from the wolves  
for then he carried the scent of a very big bear

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I thought I would have more time with him  
but he is strong and beautiful  
secure in love and being loved  
and will live it all without fear

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