

Three Poems



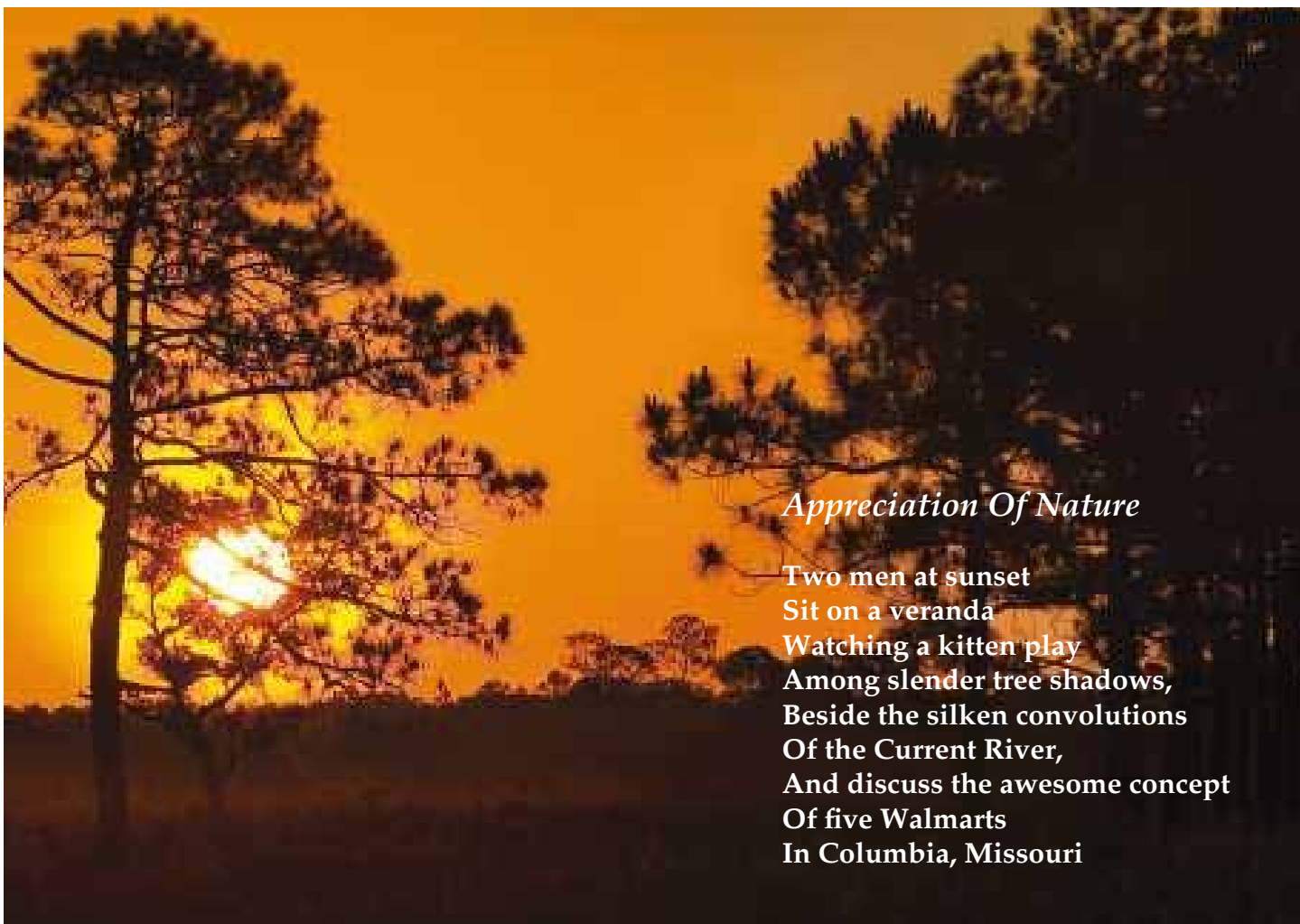
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Cat with Old Books

Curious,
She rubs against a book.
Knocks the stack across the floor.
Follows one book,
Touches it three times,
Paw,
Nose,
Tongue,
Chews a corner lightly,
Smells, tastes
Sweat,
Skin,
Lotions,
Soaps, perfumes,
Tobacco,
Medicines,
Ghosts of ancient sandwiches.
Studying characters
who read the books.



Appreciation Of Nature

Two men at sunset
Sit on a veranda
Watching a kitten play
Among slender tree shadows,
Beside the silken convolutions
Of the Current River,
And discuss the awesome concept
Of five Walmarts
In Columbia, Missouri



Frog Island

I walked there often
And touched the satin patterned apple tree.
Autumn there
Was sudden sun
Through short chill bursts of wind,
And high winged arrows
Pointed south.
But time and I strolled softly
Across the crisp gold grass.