DISTORTION
by John Koenig

I feel my mind split in two
Crazy crazy me...
My insanity is nothing new

I can feel it penetrating through
Blurs of color is all I see
I feel my mind split in two

Underneath the sky so blue
The tulips are laughing at me
My insanity is nothing new

I am afraid of the word ‘boo’
I just want to flee
I feel my mind split in two

This disease is all too cruel
Madness is bondage for me
My insanity is nothing new

I am finally through.
It’s always the odds against me
I feel my mind split in two
My insanity is nothing new

MISTER MONSTER PUPPY
by Darcy Ann Farrow

On the floor of my little cabin
On a round, cushiony braided rug
Lays a tawny colored mutt
with floppy ears and a curly tail
He is my mister Monster puppy.

He is tired from a day of play
For him a hard day’s work
of chasing squirrels and butterflies
of running and jumping in the sun
a wonderful time of fun.

How he sleeps and dreams away
The magnificent things he did today
His stomach full, he has been satiated
He has no want of anything more
as he lays sleeping on the floor.

Tomorrow when the sun does rise
He will get up and let out a sigh
Have a drink and a bite to eat
A new day for him will have begun
Another day playing out in the sun
For Monster this is a never changing world.

UNTITLED
by E. Lemley

The shoreline of the New Zealand district was serene. There was a smooth, glassy, reflective cast to the water’s surface. One could see a mirror reflection of the blue sky with an occasional fluffy white cloud. A sea bird glided by with the help of a slight warm breeze. Along each side of the shoreline, there were rocks jutting out to enclose this secluded spot. There was a boat wedged up onto the beach sand to the right. Touching the water with my foot, I could feel the cool, crispness of the water. In the distance, I could hear loons calling. A brood of ducks floated along the rocky edge. Later as I glided in my kayak, I could hear a slight swishing sound. The sweet fragrance of hibiscus flowers filled the air. This certainly is a pleasant and relaxing part of the world to experience.