

BASIL KING / from "The Green Man"

for George Stanley

There is hunger
There is always hunger
A mouth a page a canvas
A colored eye
A thirsty tongue
Bring him in bring him in
Bring in the forgotten
The twin the initiator
The sky Blue
Green initiator
Bring him in bring him in
The car the automobile
With side walls the house
Between continents
A perplexed roof
Bring him in bring him in
There is hunger
There is always hunger
A mouth a page a canvas
A colored eye
A thirsty tongue
The country is in trouble
No one will come forward
No one will initiate
The New Year
Bring him in bring him in
Bring in the forgotten
The twin the initiator
The sky Blue
Green initiator