



S O L I T U D E



Si pleure dans mon cœur
comme il pleut sur la ville;
Quelle est cette langueur
qui pénètre mon cœur?

— Verlaine



It's crying in my heart
As it is raining in the city;
What is this language
that penetrates my heart?

— Verlaine

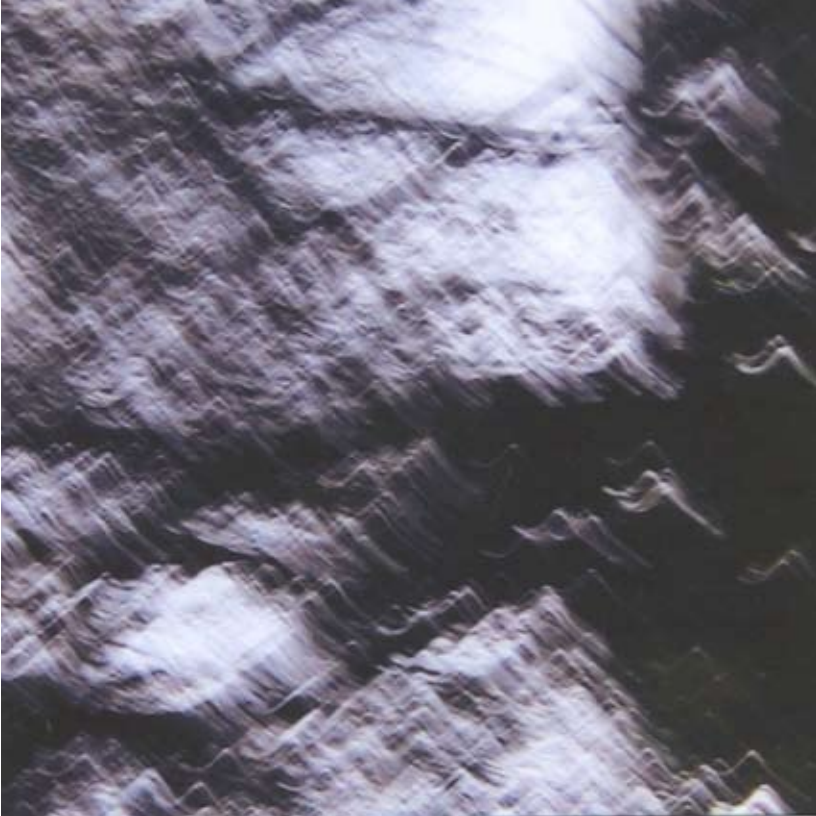


The eternal quest of the
individual human being
is to shatter his
Loneliness. — Norman Cousins



Language has created the word loneliness
to express the pain of being alone
and the word solitude to express the
glory of being alone.

— Paul Tillich



Little do men perceive what
solitude is, and how far it extendeth.

For a crowd is not company,
and faces are but a gallery of pictures,
And talk but a tinkling cymbal,
where there is no love.

— Francis Bacon



the worst loneliness
is not to be
comfortable with
yourself.

—Mark Twain



Inside myself is a place
where I live all alone
and that's where you renew
your springs that never
dry up.

— Pearl Buck



the human heart has hidden treasures,
in secret kept, in silence sealed;-
the thoughts, the hopes, the dreams, the pleasures,
Whose charms were broken if revealed.
- Charlotte Brontë



When our self-offering
Comes to the fore,
Loneliness
Is bound to disappear.
— Su Chinnoy



All the birds have flown up and gone;
A lonely cloud floats leisurely by.
We never get tired of looking at each other
Only the mountain and I.

—Li Po

When you close your doors,
and make darkness within,
remember never to say that you
are alone, for you are not alone;
may God be within, and your genius
is within. And what need have they
of light to see what you are doing?

—Epictetus



At that hour when all things have repose,
O lonely watcher of the skies,
Do you hear the night wind and the sighs
Of harps playing unto love to disclose
The pale gates of sunrise?

— James Joyce