

# The Prairie Light Review

---

Volume 18  
Number 1 *Insights*

Article 22

---

Fall 12-1-1997

## April

Allan Carter  
*College of DuPage*

Follow this and additional works at: <http://dc.cod.edu/plr>

---

### Recommended Citation

Carter, Allan (1997) "April," *The Prairie Light Review*: Vol. 18 : No. 1 , Article 22.  
Available at: <http://dc.cod.edu/plr/vol18/iss1/22>

This Selection is brought to you for free and open access by the College Publications at DigitalCommons@COD. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Prairie Light Review by an authorized editor of DigitalCommons@COD. For more information, please contact [koteles@cod.edu](mailto:koteles@cod.edu).

## A DAUGHTER'S WISH

If only for a moment  
I could be a crisp sliver of  
radiant red watermelon  
I would remind my mother  
of a smile in childhood  
and barefoot summers in Iowa,  
Teach her  
how to expertly curl  
the tip of her tongue  
behind pursed lips  
forming a perfectly puckered "o"  
And help her spit out  
the seeds of sadness  
she collected  
one by one.

— *Catherine L. Conway*

## APRIL

My daffodils cringe  
my bones shake  
as dreams of spring  
eliminate.

— *Allan Carter*