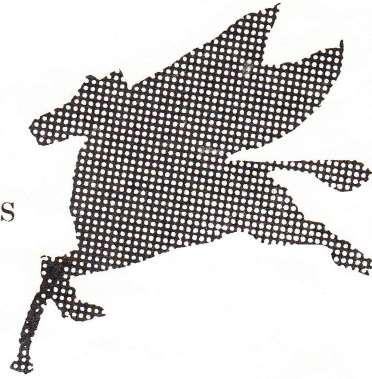


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Dear Friend;

We take pleasure in informing you that your work

THE CHILDREN

has been selected to be published in the College Poetry Review.

The Review is a compilation of verse written by the college men and women of America, representing every state in the country. Selections were made from many thousands of manuscripts submitted.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

Cordially yours,

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Editor

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The College Poetry Review contains the work of students all over the country. We publish a representative grouping of the poetry of students from all schools. We do not attempt to influence the subject matter, nor are there any rules of style, etc. We seek only to present an outlet and a forum for the work of students interested in writing poetry at the college level.

The College Poetry Review provides a clear and concise view of contemporary poetry on and from the campus.

We receive about 300,000 manuscripts from high schools and colleges every year. Of these, about a thousand contributions from college students were accepted and published in the "COLLEGE POETRY REVIEW" during the last year.

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Your manuscript, *THE CHILDREN*

which appeared in the College Poetry Review during the past year is among the poems we would like to publish in "PEGASUS". We would not reprint, however, without your written permission. For this purpose, we are enclosing a form for you to sign and return to us. Since the book is scheduled to go to press in one month, we need the returned form within two weeks.

We therefore hope to hear from you as soon as possible.

Cordially yours,



R. K. Hartman

THE CHILDREN

*Oh, how I love them,
the children,
the difficult pupils
of my teaching,
the adolescence
of my learning,
for they peer out of
still wise eyes,
humoring my efforts
to give them
their knowledge.*