



7-1-1999

Green Rain

Marilyn Bushman-Carlton

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/byusq>



Part of the [Mormon Studies Commons](#), and the [Religious Education Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Bushman-Carlton, Marilyn (1999) "Green Rain," *BYU Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 38 : Iss. 3 , Article 3.
Available at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/byusq/vol38/iss3/3>

This Poetry is brought to you for free and open access by the Journals at BYU ScholarsArchive. It has been accepted for inclusion in *BYU Studies Quarterly* by an authorized editor of BYU ScholarsArchive. For more information, please contact ellen_amatangelo@byu.edu.

Green Rain

I prefer things blurred,
borders soft,
God amplified by a cloak of clouds.

When she finally got contact lenses,
my sister was disappointed,
never having guessed
so many faces were blemished.

In March, it's first green, hum
at the tip of the twig,
parsley risen to the surface of the soup,
zest at summer's door.

Unlike yellow streaming through glass
flooding the flowered chair,
unlike rose and hyacinth
crowding out the winter browns,

I like what's barely there—
the quiet ones, lashes,
pianissimo,
a dance in stocking feet.

—Marilyn Bushman-Carlton