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## An Explorer's Dream

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**AN EXPLORER'S DREAM**

Amy Myrick  
*- for Jeff*

If the world were lain flat  
    like old cartographers' maps  
        with monster's barred teeth poised in each corner  
and time instead shaped into the globe  
    rather than this linear dirge of days  
        droning onward to yet another end,  
would we be able to stop  
    walking in these infernal rings -  
        the searing death we all know too well -  
and strap on our shiny armor,  
    trudge forward on the straight path,  
        do battle with the monster's teeth,  
and see what lies beyond?

