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A phantasy of perfection! An illusion! A dream! She comes to life in the depth of the night, A phantom only, of a woman that is cherished. Into the darkness of my soul, she sheds serene light.

Eyes sparkling as the sun through a diamond, Hair shining of the purest of gold, From her heart flows the inner beauty That lies within the gentleness of her soul.

A smile lighting a face that glows, Showing the peace of a woman secure In the love of a man whose strength Is derived from a woman so truly pure.

Illusion! Illusion! How real you do seem! If only reality were the same as a dream.

Interview with Lee Akins, POTTERY INSTRUCTOR.

QUESTION: HOW DO YOU STRETCH STUDENTS' CREATIVITY BEYOND THEIR TECHNICAL SKILLS?

"FROM AN ART TEACHER'S VIEWPOINT, [SKILL] IS SECONDARY. THE CREATIVE SPIRIT OR THE INDIVIDUAL'S EXPRESSION ENDS UP BEING MUCH MORE INTERESTING THAN [THE ABILITY] TO BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING WELL.

AS A TEACHER, I FEEL EVERYONE CAN DEVELOP [THEIR CREATIVITY].

IN SOME RESPECTS, THE CREATIVE SPIRIT IS THE HARDEST TO GRASP; THE TECHNICAL PART? AS LONG AS YOU ARE WILLING TO STAY WITH IT YOU'LL GRASP IT IN TIME."