THE SURF I RODE TODAY

I rode the surf today.
The clear blue surf at Waikiki –
Where sun and azure sky
Blend in joyous rhapsody.

I felt the refreshing thrill Of wind blown spray, Blowing from wave crests On their shoreward march.

I heard the happy greetings From suntanned friends, Paddling outward Beyond the Coral Reef's bend.

I saw the sparkle of silver Reflected from the afternoon sun, While streaking shoreward Across the face of a slanting wave.

I knew a joy
Of oneness with the sea,
And all the beauty
Here for us to feel and see.

My heart knew warmth
And feeling,
I once thought forgotten
In years long past.

When sun and sea
Etched in harmony and play,
A longing for the surf
I rode today.