

## SI TRANSKEN

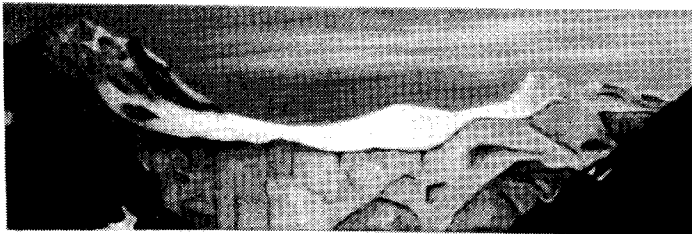
### Northern Snow Storm Survivors

This hushed after-morning  
the Mourning Dove  
embellishing and giving life  
to the colors of healing bruises  
cautions herself  
around snow drifts &  
my sacrificial offerings  
of sunflower seeds,  
bread crusts,  
a piece of chocolate bar.

Like old war wounded  
we eye each other closely,  
from uncrossable  
sides of a window  
& confirm each other.

'Yes,' 'Yes'  
we nod to each other  
shoulders thrown back  
& all muscles & bones  
held solid  
'Yes,' 'Yes'  
we have made it  
through one more storm.

*Si Transken lives in Sudbury, Ontario.*



*Ava P. Christl, "Seaward," 1987, Oil on Canvas, 60" x 60"*



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