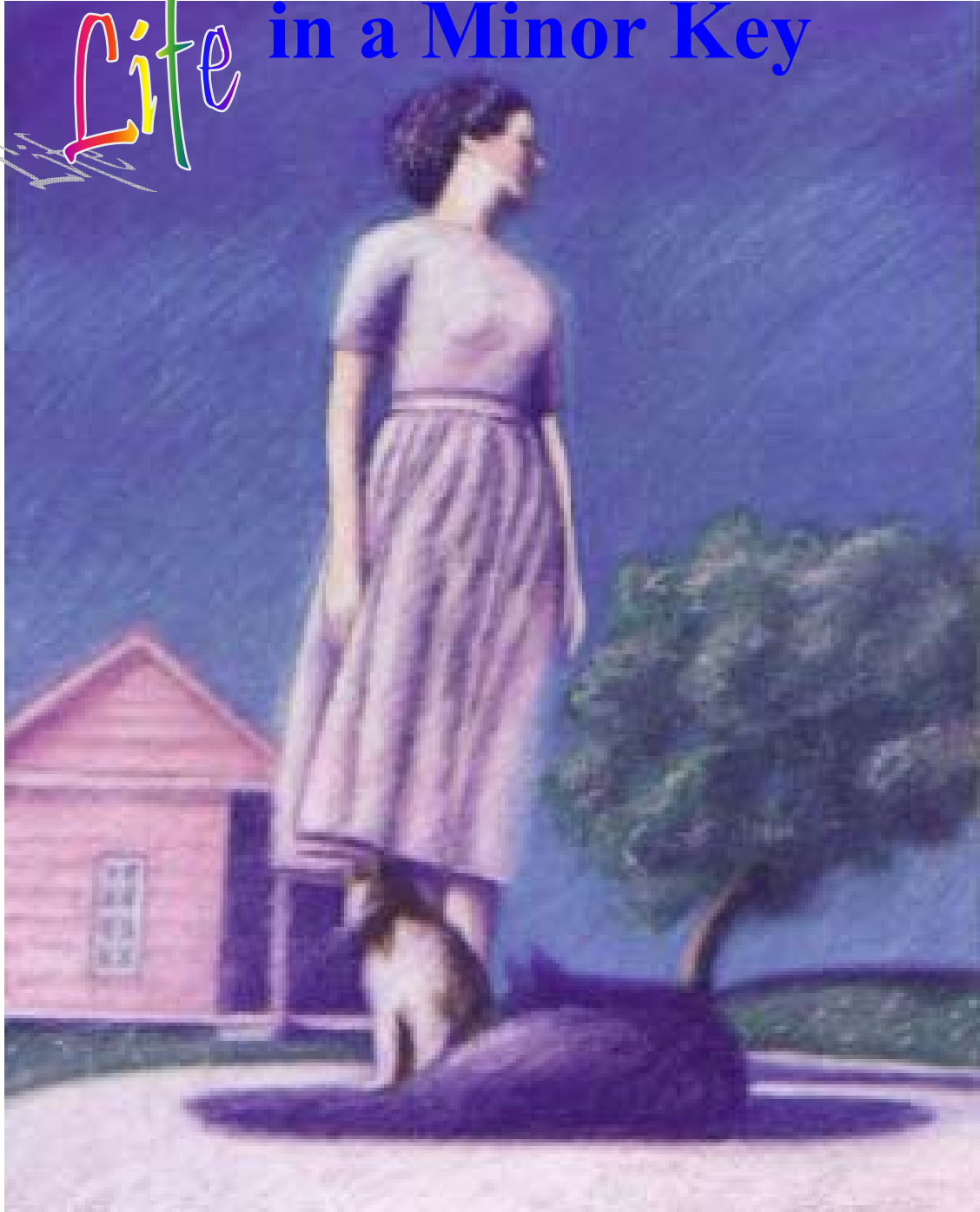


Life

in a Minor Key



**Life in a Minor Key**  
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### **Preface**

A poem is a focus on life down to its smallest parts like examining a leaf under the microscope. When we examine the intricate detail, we see the beauty in its entire splendor. We may even pause for a moment and relax because of what we see. Each of these poems is a view of life passages focused on one aspect. Through metaphor that transports us, new ideas are born. *Life in a Minor Key* is a tiny glimpse of this short life we have and the things that happen. Even if we believe our life is not noticed, in a minor key, we have influence on those around us. There's opportunity to love, share and care for each other.

Living in the mountains, each day is a wonder and delight, each morning brings awesome beauty. Even the storms that stir the dust are charming in their own way. These poems were stirred by the magnificence of the mountains, the valleys and deserts. Some of them were inspired – 'breathed' by the love of my wife and daughter. There is a story and music behind each one, some of them joyous to sing, some of them with tears. The images I paint with words are from my own life passages – journeys I've taken. My joy would be fulfilled that as you read *Life in a Minor Key* you'll find a connection, a peace, happiness in them. Thanks for reading.

## **Any Color but Blue**

One of my wishes is to journey long  
Discover the edges of thought  
Find the corridors of conscious  
Bright shades and rainbows  
But in any color but blue

Let me walk these roads  
Sure, troubles will sure greet me on the way  
Like thieves to steal joy like a prize  
Turning me gray,  
Leaving me broken on the side

I don't know why I should turn back  
When theirs colors to explore,  
While on this trip  
Joy is packed away inside  
Not in blue.

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## **Mid-Winter's Night**

My heart is empty and bleak  
On this winter's night deep  
Re-sculptured by the snows' hands  
Turning everything outside marble.

Each line and sound I hear clear  
Turns this way and that, echoing  
To the point I can't find,  
The careful placement of the rhyme

The whisper of snows' soft kiss,  
Calms me and presses me on  
To pen the words nonetheless  
And later sculpture them to worth.

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## **Soft March Morning**

Soft March Morning waking  
To find crocuses smiling beneath the frost  
Bright yellow peeking,  
As a light snow falls.

Welcome spring, they call  
As buds show bright crimson,  
Waking, swollen, bursting forth  
Ready for bright suns' rays.

Ready and in place  
Not waiting for sleepy feet to find  
I sit in awe to see this play  
Set on perfect time.

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