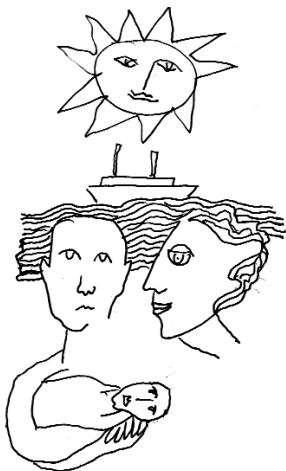


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Oh Earth, Wait for Me

by Pablo Neruda

From: 'Memorial de Isla Negra'

Turn me oh sun
towards my native destiny,
rain from the ancient forest,
return to me the fragrance and the swords
that fall from the sky,
the solitary peace of field and rock,
the moisture at the margins of the river,
the scent of the larch,
the wind, alive like a heart
beating among the remote flock
of the great araucaria.

Earth, return to me your pure gifts
the towers of silence that rose
from the solemnity of their roots:
I want to return to being what I have not been,
learn to return from such depths
that amongst all the things of nature
I could live or not live: no matter
to be one more stone, the dark stone,
the pure stone that is carried by the river.

Please join us in celebrating Michael's life on March 8, 2008 at 1pm at Johnny's Half Shell, located at 400 Capitol Street NW Washington DC 20001. There will be a memorial service in Michael's honor and lunch will be served.

