

In Memoriam ESHORNA

How cold the sward about you, Keshorna,

Glinting frosts, swirling drifts of snow,

Driven by unfeeling wind!

Then a brief respite of a single moon, whence

The great sun traverses the sky around.

Defying the accustomed horizon, nourishing therefore,

A cluster of forget-me-nots that burst into a soulstirring blue upon your simple Arctic grave.

How slight and frail you were, But you faced with humble courage

The unkind elements, that were your lot,

And, thus, emerged triumphant With a generous share of love for your fellow man.

I was blessed with deeper love You bestowed upon me,

Keshorna.

Love, divinely tender,

Love that seemed caressed with a touch of heaven.

Recollections fail me now. You uttered no words of endearment,

But I remember well a

gentle hug.

Adoring light within your eyes that told me of love more than ten thousands words.

How cold the sward about you, Keshorna.

Glinting frosts, swirling drifts of snow,

Driven by unfeeling wind!

However cold your resting place. My heart within me whispers, "Your rest is blessed in quiet peace.

Because you gave so well your

To your fellow man and me, A son to you, Keshorna."

-HOWARD ROCK