

## Odin Clay, Poet of the Month for July 2007



A professional since the '40s, Odin is a successful Architectural, Industrial, Nature and Scenic photographer, earning the Master of Photography and Photographic Craftsman degrees with the Professional Photographers of America. He also held executive positions at Gittings Laboratory and at National Photographic Laboratories. He writes a column on outdoor Photography for Texas Outdoors Journal Magazine and has done so for more than 15 years. He has published three chapbooks of poetry and photo images. He has won more than 100 awards for his photography through PPA and numerous writing and photo awards with several press associations. He also has also taught photography classes throughout his career, and is in demand as a photo judge and program talent across the area.

### **Sun**

by Odin Clay

The shadows point the way to the source  
of all this power and life.

We are sun people, in thrall to its force  
so we make it the cause of our strife.

Too bright, too hot, it makes cancer,  
we protect ourselves all of our days.  
Even with science, we don't know the answer  
we just keep changing our ways.

Let's live at night just to be sure,  
let's take up the nocturnal style.  
Not me, I couldn't endure,  
Light-less for even a while.

I'm in love with the wonderful world,  
with it's color, texture and beauty.  
None of which can be unfurled,  
till friend sun does his bright duty.

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