GRACE NICHOLS

MOON-GAZER

On moonlight night
when moon is bright
Beware, Beware—
Moon-Gazer man
with his throw-back head
and his open legs
gazing, gazing
up at the moon
Moon-Gazer man
with his seal-skin hair
and his round-eye stare
staring, staring
up at the moon
Moon-Gazer man
standing tall,
lamp-post tall,
just gazing up
at moon eye-ball
But never try to pass
between those open legs
cause Moon-Gazer man
will close them with a snap—
you'll be trapped
Moon-Gazer man
will crush you flat.
Yes, with just one shake
suddenly you'll be—
a human pancake,
On moonlight night
when moon is bright
for goodness' sake
stay home—
and pull your window-curtain tight.