



Rhymes For Alice Bluelight

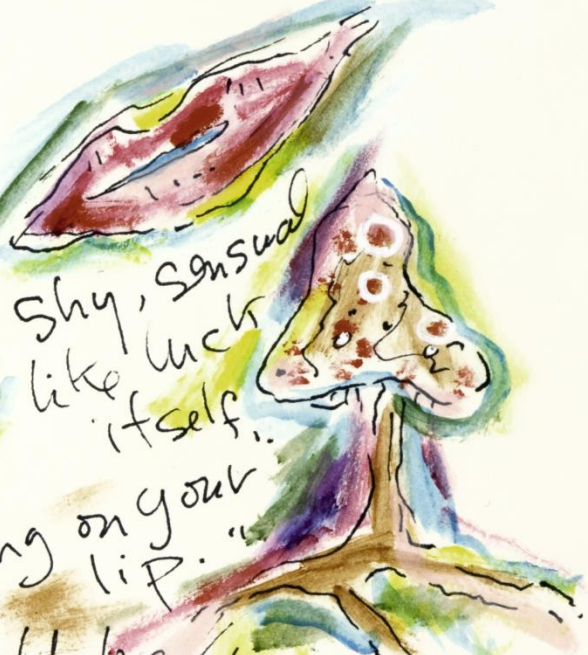
I of A to Z Walt Curtis  
2011

"I lost you somewhere  
in a dream."



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is for mouth & mushrooms



"shy, sensual  
like we  
itself.."

"hang on your  
lip."

The world has become  
warm and gentle a space,  
as a kiss

Wino Crossing 25¢ tax  
God Bless Oregonians!

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2011

"My heart sinks  
in the gray  
Willamette  
It is the plunge  
of spring."



# My Umbrella

Part witch, it would try to tear  
itself away from me! A bitch.  
A black fish. Inverted  
broomstick.

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W

is for

Walt is a poet.  
Walt is a Whitman.  
Walt is wise.  
Walt is witless.

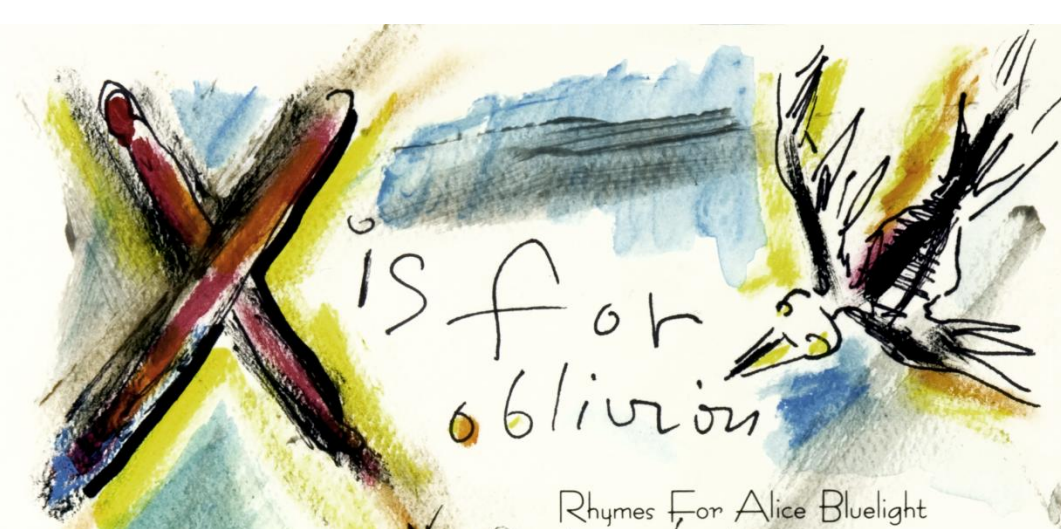
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Walt is a witness.

It's all  
part of his  
poetic  
license-  
tiousness.

Whitman





X is for  
oblivion

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2011



"Your fortune is a  
hand of spades  
dealt by dark birds.  
All you love, o man,  
all you lose."



## Crows In The Cemetery

Crows in the cemetery  
flying in the misty rain.  
Cawing, crows call crazily to the lusty dead.  
Crows lambaste us with curses  
from the tops of lovely firs.  
The black criers jouncing on feathery branches,  
the black shriekers bouncing on green springs,  
the black bastards perched in pointy trees.  
Don't ask me why, or how, or which way.  
The graves are BIRD HOUSES.  
The crows are carrion-eaters.  
I see a craven crow fly away  
with a wedding ring in its beak.  
Grave-robber!  
Human-life-mocker!  
Your fortune is a hand of spades  
dealt out by dark shiny birds  
with shrill voices, o man.  
All you love, o man, all you lose.  
Caw! Caw! Caw!

"Crows in the Cemetery  
flying in the misty  
rain."

Lone Fir  
where  
Sam Simpson  
is buried. 1899

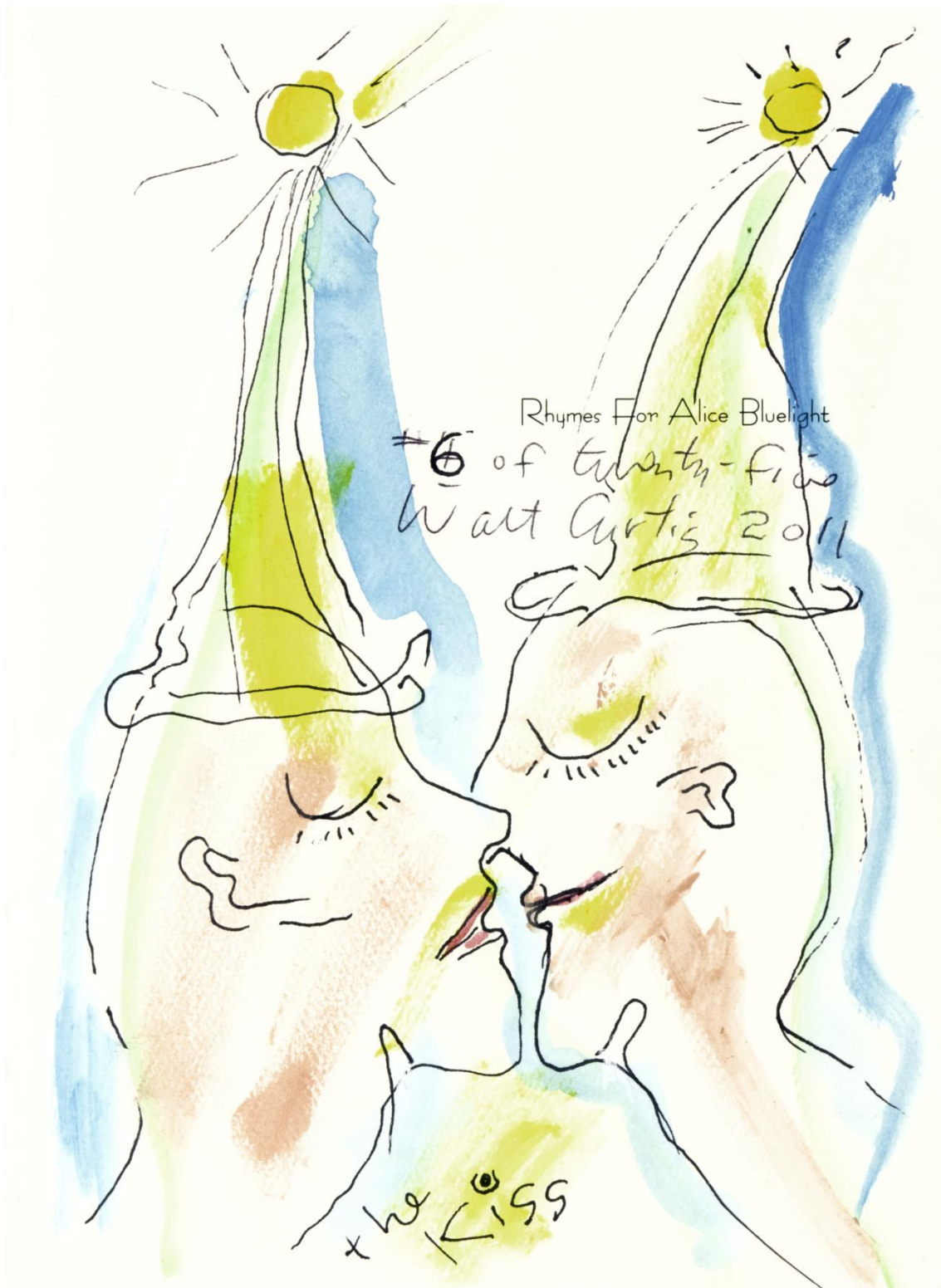
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the first  
Portland poet of re:Putations

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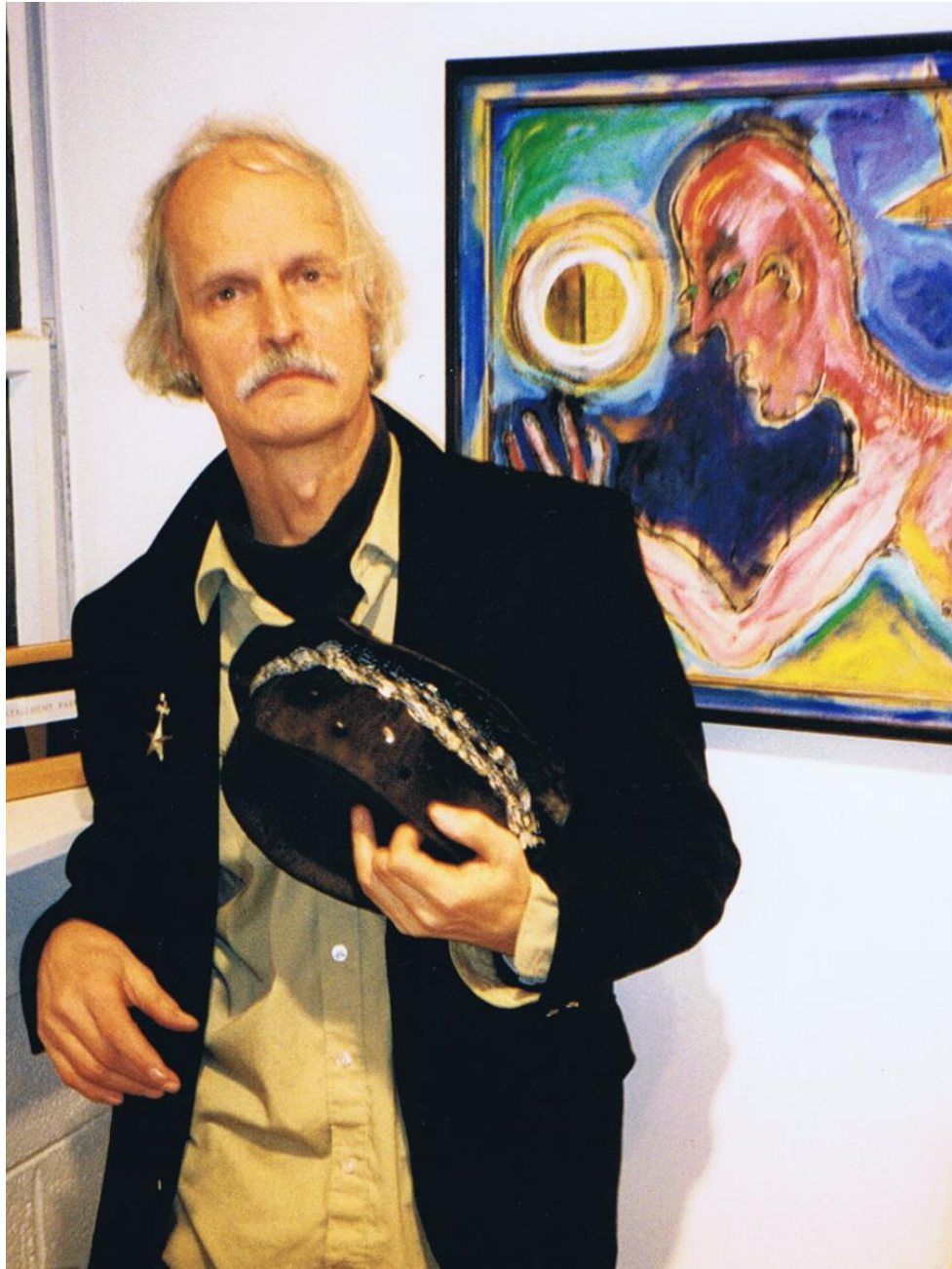
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x we kiss

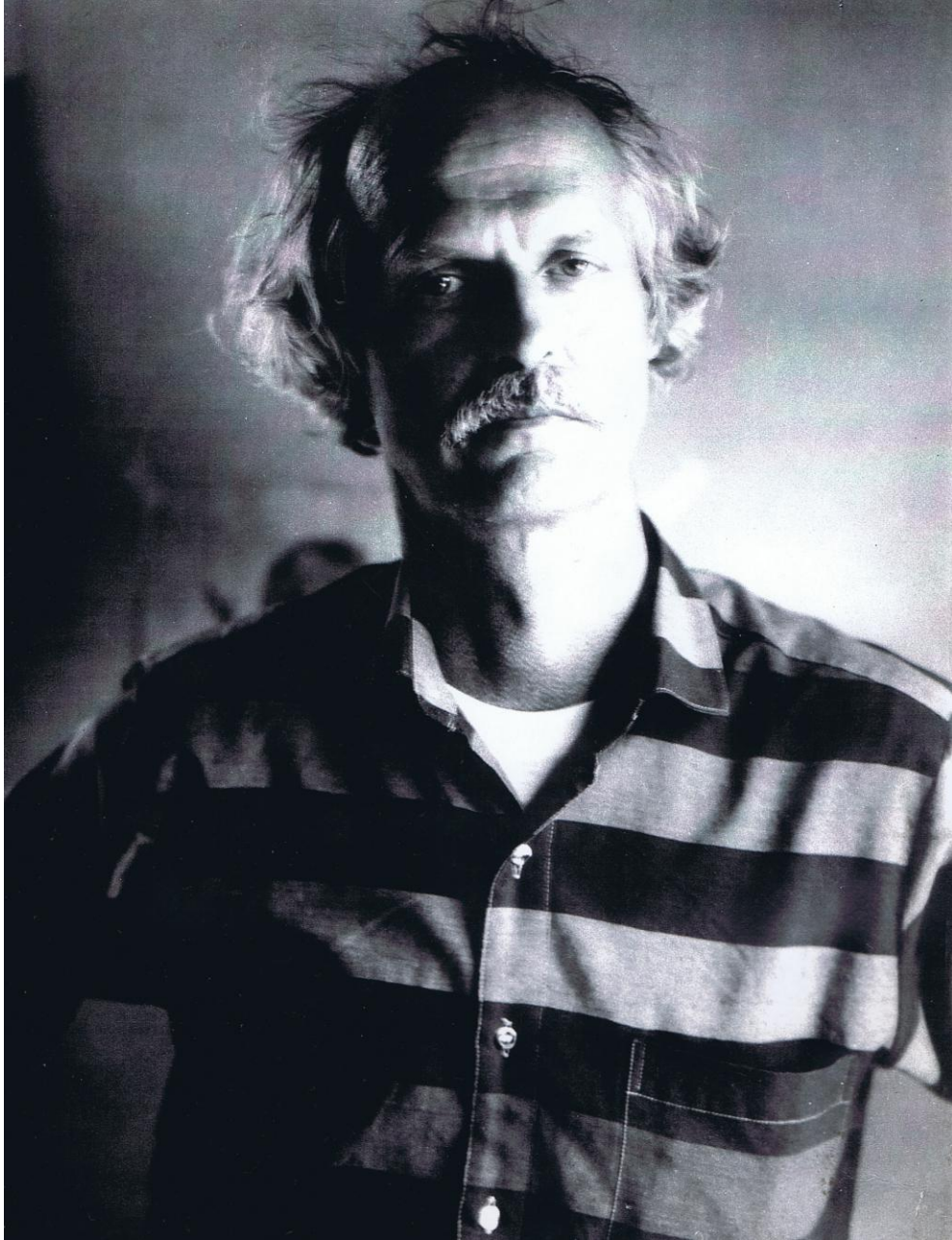


**Walt Curtis talks grave poetry with Lola Milholland at Canemah Cemetery**  
**Walt declaims Pulitzer prize winner H.L. Davis at Fort Dalles**  
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