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At the River

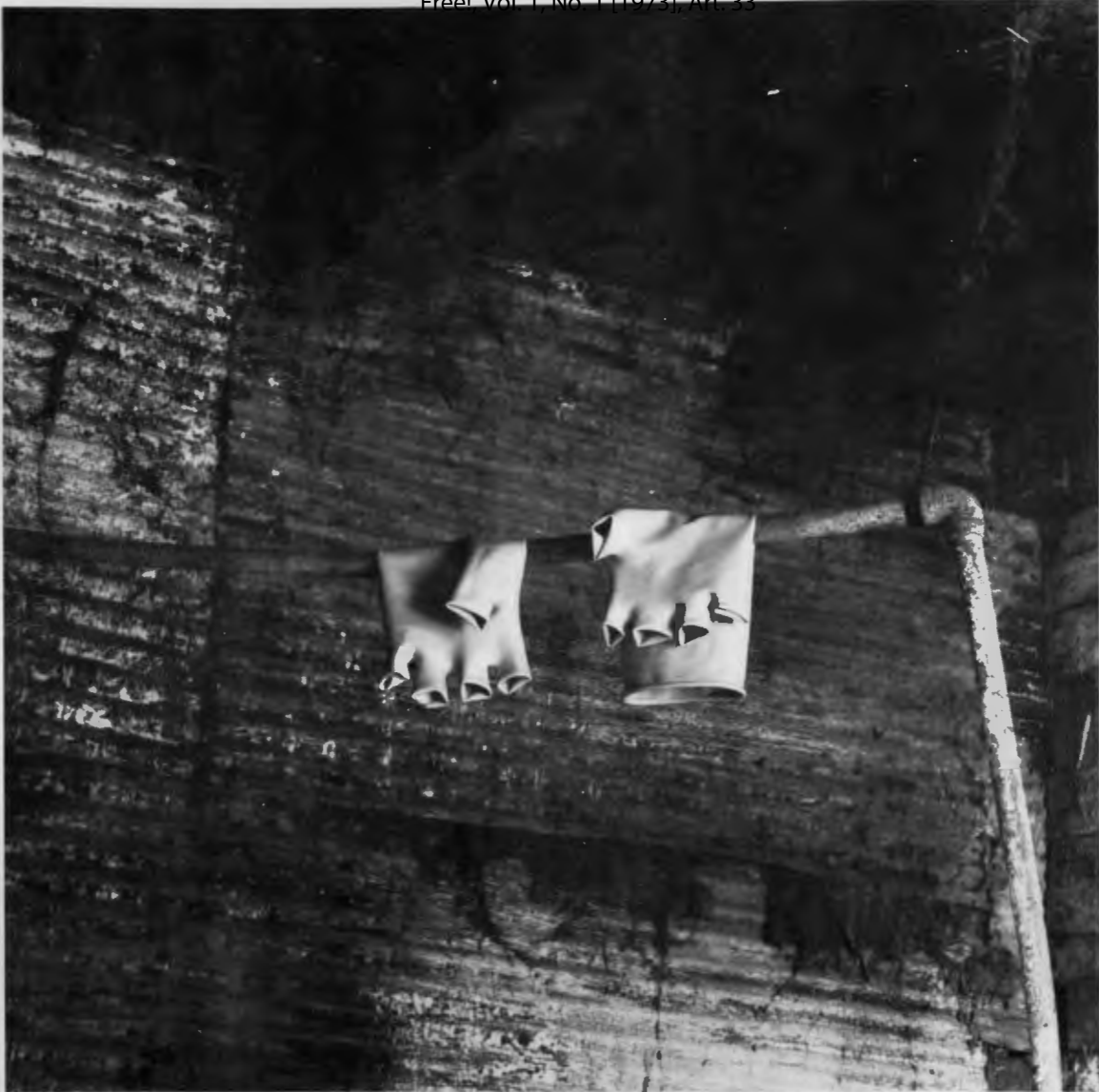
by

*Pat O'Donnell*

twist yellow leaf, drift almost up  
then down finally  
no noise, but we feel  
a sound, we feel  
the water touch,  
then fasten itself to the leaf  
as if it had been waiting.

And the rings echoed  
in us like ever-widening  
heartbeats  
that throb, small circles,  
then spread, and slow  
and ever outward  
melt back into the water . . .





## Poem

*by Barb Norman*

lady day  
such a sad lady  
belting out the blues  
a tune of loneliness

people applaud her  
uncaring folk wanting  
only to be pleased,  
to be taken on a trip

(tenderness and pain  
harsh in its contents  
mellifluous sound  
drifting)

beautiful lady  
betrayed by life  
abandoned by men  
touching hearts even  
in death