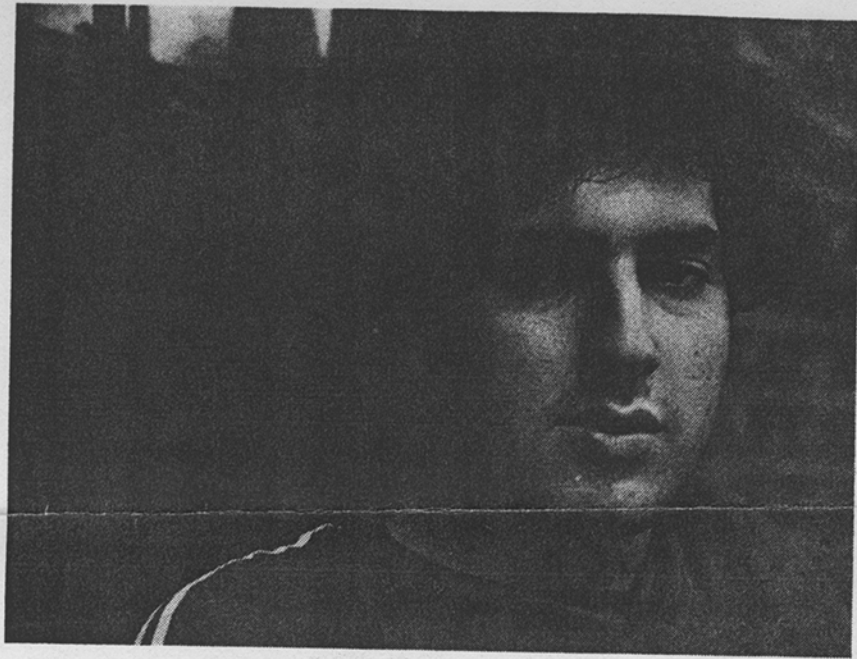


for Veronica & Rodrigo  
Rojas de Negri

Nineteen-year-old Rodrigo Rojas de Negri was beaten and burned to death by Chilean security police for participating in an anti-government demonstration in July 1986. Veronica Rojas de Negri is his mother.



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by L.M. Jendrzejczyk

There is no escape  
from the flaming yellow  
daisies,  
petals burning alive  
on an open hillside.  
They surround you like a lava flow,  
an endless dream from  
some distant shadow.

Carrying your name,  
he crosses the barricade  
into the poblaciones.  
The soldiers watch  
then follow him,  
sunlight torn from blackened  
faces.

Trapped in an alley  
there is no escape:  
the dancing fists and  
rifle butts,  
the final blessing with  
gasoline.

They cannot escape  
the price of silence.  
I walk behind as  
you carry his coffin—  
plant one small prayer  
(dear son) among the  
rocks.

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