THE PROSE POEM: AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL

Volume 4 | 1995

Your Time Will Come

John Shoemaker

© Providence College

The author(s) permits users to copy, distribute, display, and perform this work under the following conditions: (1) the original author(s) must be given proper attribution; (2) this work may not be used for commercial purposes; (3) the users may not alter, transform, or build upon this work; (4) users must make the license terms of this work clearly known for any reuse or distribution of this work. Upon request, as holder of this work's copyright, the author(s) may waive any or all of these conditions.

The Prose Poem: An International Journal is produced by The Berkeley Electronic Press (bepress) for the Providence College Digital Commons. http://digitalcommons.providence.edu/prosepoems/

John Shoemaker

YOUR TIME WILL COME

Aunt Mary is coming! Aunt Mary, who gave you a bow tie on your birthday and a children's bible for Christmas. And look, it's Uncle Dave too! How he loves to hold you on his lumpy lap, snorting and laughing, his breath a fine mist from drinks that only grownups are allowed. No use trying to escape. It makes him too happy when you wiggle and squirm. At least he buys you presents you really want. And loves you best of all, since you know how to keep a secret. Still, you're not quite happy. What is it that's wrong with you? Is something missing? If only your mother would let you have that puppy. You could take it deep into the woods behind your house and beat it with your belt.