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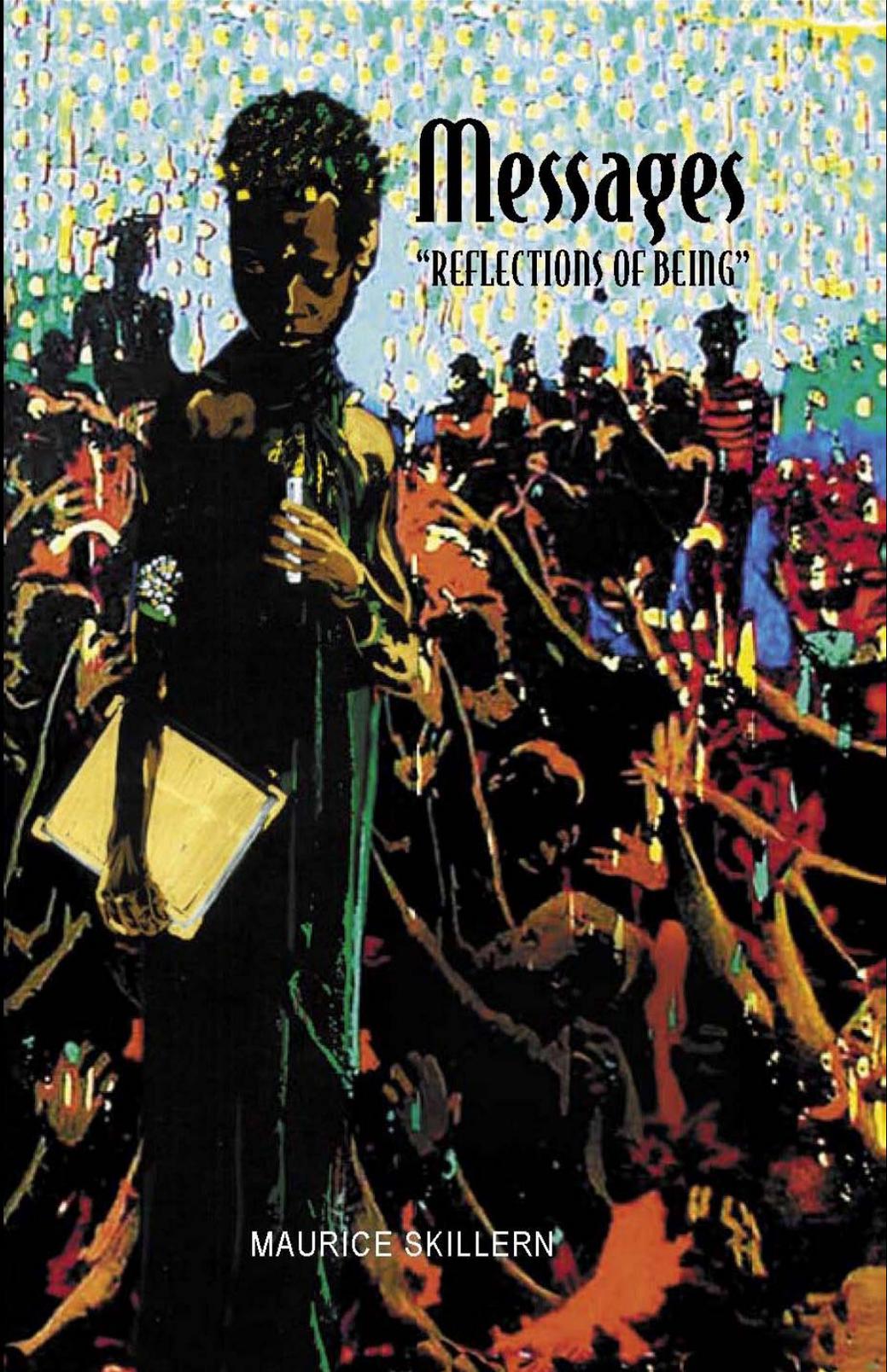
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To those who seek the unfindable,  
reach for the ungraspable,  
and ponder the unimaginable.

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# About the Book

This is a work of Poetic-Philosophy\* and is not meant to defame, deface or otherwise debase any religions or ideologies. Like all philosophical contemplation, it is a gathering of thoughts and visualizations by the author. The subjects and subject matter within is based on the author's interaction with various aspects of life, with the intent to stimulate new thought.

There will be those who will love what is written, and there will be those who will hate what is written, but this is to be expected, for these are things that mortals do. Yet, those who pursue that which is beyond mortal knowing will seek its understanding.

\* Poetic-Philosophy:

Poetry with both rhythmic and non-rhythmic rhyming schemes, written with philosophical undertones, meant to stimulate new thoughts and ideologies

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# Chapter 1

There are many messages given in this world  
passed on in the form of spoken word, eloquent writings, and  
precise actions.

The egotistical vanity of man has oftentimes been the  
undaunted incarcerator of these messages within the  
boundaries of his own mind.

Though I must not fail to mention that all messages  
whether written in ancient — yester-past or future —  
tomorrow-now are not intended for all, for they were  
manifested to stimulate on an individual basis.

For one to hear their unique message they must live  
with a mind free of the confining concepts of man,  
(the misleading aspects of religion,  
the unworldly bindings of culture,  
and  
the illogicalness of I).

Then and only then can their divinely enriching message be  
received.

A mortal who can interpret many messages is as cursed as he  
is gifted, for the past he has witnessed, the future he already  
knows, leaving him entrapped in the present which he can but  
passively observe.

On the pages that follow you will see my elations  
of discovery as well as witness my agonies of revelation . . .

# M E S S A G E S

# Nothing

To know all is to know nothing.

To know nothing is to know all.

The true road to enlightenment has no markings.

You find it by not looking.

You know it by forgetting where you are.

The more knowledgeable you claim to have become  
the less you can assert to have mastered.

To consume and digest knowledge are two separate  
functions.

One who consumes knowledge without digesting it  
departs from the table of enlightenment  
with the hunger of them who shall never know.



## Man's Position

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Man is but a minute shade in the shadow of eternity,

he holds no ground in the avalanche of life,

he is but a charred coal to the flames of creation,

though his thoughts are sometimes brilliant ( $E=mc^2$ ), he and they are but a minute equation in the mathematics of destiny,

(for man is his own adversary)

and his end shall be but a subatomic tone in a symphony of destruction.

# Story of 1

One is who I am,  
one is who I be,  
for I am I, and me is me.

To walk through life and be as one,  
holds no promises of joy and few moments of fun,  
for one walks in darkness,  
depression is one's friend,  
for there is no one for one, on one, one must depend.

'Tis through eyes of desolation,  
one peers each day,  
for none understands one,  
they simply stay away,  
leaving one all alone,  
to shed one's tears,  
and ask many questions that fall on deaf ears.

So one holds a noble vigil,  
over the soiled hearts of man,  
for his destiny is beyond him 'tis truly already planned.

But one shall find release one day,  
for his duties shall be done,  
and eternity shall loudly weep —

(For then there will be none).

# Desolate One

I am he who walks in darkness and knows no light.  
I am he who dwells in shadow never to see the dawning of  
the sun.

I am he who haunts the ebony folds of despair  
never to feel the inner light of salvation.

I am neither life nor death  
but an outsider in the scheme of things,  
the one who showers in enlightenment while all others  
bathe in the waters of ignorance.

To know who I am you must let loose all emotion  
know no love — no compassion,  
you must see realistically the finite nature of man  
and know him for the truly feeble creature he is.

I serve a purpose in life,  
I remind man of the deepest darkest essence of his malignant  
soul;  
I am but a pawn set to serve this task  
but what of me, my wants, my desires.

Would death's everlasting embrace comfort my loneliness,  
and end this unwanted existence?

**“NO!”**

I deny death such a pleasure  
I shall live on a harbinger of doom for man.

I am his **Alpha** and his **Omega**.

If it be my fate to destroy man in his totality

So be it . . .

I shall run from my birthright no further,

I am ***THE DESOLATE ONE***,

let my de(ath)stiny commence . . .

# Cloak of Night

Into the night I do propel myself,  
clutching despair close to my breast,  
for when the sun does flee,  
and night ascends,  
for me there is no rest.

In the darkness I do seek quiet peace,  
alone I freely weep,  
none witness my moments of agony,  
for all are wrapped in sleep.

In the shadowy folds I envelop myself,  
but solace is not mine to find,  
for the concerns that plagued me when light did rule,  
are still forever mine.

Gently I do caress the night  
though it stokes my flames of strife,  
many have called it friend, some foe,  
for me it serves as wife.

And though the beasts within do ravage me,  
when the ebony skies hold sway,  
I shall curse no other  
but bear the burden  
till dawn does herald day.

# When You Wake

I've looked deep in your eyes,  
I've met your soul,  
I've whispered to your heart;  
It told stories of your troubled past,  
and of things you had to part.

I've looked deep in your eyes,  
I've met your being,  
I've chatted with your pain;  
It told of your torment,  
Gave news of your suffering,  
And said you were to blame.

I've looked deep in your eyes,  
I've met your substance,  
I've conversed with your mind;  
It told me something,  
in self-pity's voice,  
that the world was so unkind.

I've looked deep in your eyes,  
I've met your doubts,  
I've seen your destiny;  
For you had cast your die,  
Imprisoned your thoughts,  
And I could not set you free,

Coming Soon by Maurice Skillern

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# Chronicles from the Brink

All of us have approached the brink in one of its many facets  
at one time or another within the boundaries of our mortal  
lives.....

*More Poetic-Philosophy from the man who epitomizes  
the phrase.....*

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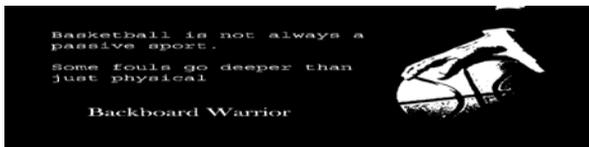
## BackBoard Warrior

### *Warriors Trial.*

Matthew Joshua Hood, "The Fly", lived in a world that seemed almost against him from the start. It was a world composed of daily struggle where reputation was held highest and life and death were a constant gamble.

In that world he would have to come to grips with his life and that of his family. In this pursuit Matthew chose a road wrought with peril, for it was a road of conflict in the form of basketball competition.

Along this treacherous road he would wage many battles and know many victories as well as a few defeats. He would also be given the key to his salvation, if only he could give up the conflict that raged in his heart.



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