

## **I can't help but notice**

the scenery of mountain ranges  
that shimmer in your eyes  
that remind me of the types  
of images one would see  
on the cover page  
of some travel magazine  
taken from the state  
of Colorado in early October

or on a stamped postcard  
written in fancy handwriting  
from one heartbeat to another  
stating that they just had to be there  
because the camera's shutter  
forgot to flash when the integrity  
of the photograph  
finally decided to appear.

I, sitting next to you,  
can only chuckle comfortably  
whenever our gazes meet  
realizing that explorers  
like Norgay and Hillary  
never had to climb Everest  
to see the peak  
of the entire world.