

## THE SHAMED MAN

What are you?!  
Who are you?!  
He how hides his face.  
Is it thought, or is it sadness?  
Could it be...  
Says he who feels these things.  
You have surfaced and taken shape,  
Through guilt, cruelty, selfishness, and many evil deeds.  
You oppress your victims  
Sin gives you breath  
So on you breathe  
And so on it grows  
Leaching on his soul  
Crippling his confidence  
Making weak his bones.  
Why do you command?!  
Who gives you power?!  
Says he who feels these things.  
Enough!!!  
I screamed startled out of a dream.  
You now have a face and along came your name...  
Breath you will not have  
I will sin no more  
You are condemned  
And trapped you will remain!  
SHAME!!!  
The name we shall not say  
Says the man who feels these things.

Poem by: Victor Tapia G52790

The original “Shamed Man” painting and poem will be exhibited at UCLA Art Festival April 12-14.

The “Shamed Man” is a painting depicting three shapes composed of the primary colors that create every other color. Showing the spirit of a person hiding his face because of shame. The darkness and bars keep these three colors apart, not allowing them to blend together and meet their full potential, the purpose of life. Meaning the spirit is condemned and not able to grow, trapped in the notion of sin. Thus, the words of the poem were born from my life’s story and so many others...

Attn: Professor PhD. Roy, Please include the thumbnail sketch I gave you of the  
the  
“Shamed Man.” Thank you for your support.

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Letter to Eliie:

Ms. Carpenter,

Pleasant greetings to you. I hope this latest batch of submissions finds you well. I wanted to share that we are experiencing a little bit of a hick up here. A few guys have alerted me that their submissions were not posted on the website. Some of these submissions were sent months ago, so it is difficult for me to back track to get to the bottom of it. I have a suggestion: I wondered if you would hit us back with a quick confirmation note, i.e., “emails of (date) received.” This way I can have confidence that any particular batch was received and posted. This would be a tremendous help to me. (As if you haven’t been already!)

May the Spring break be happily eventful, peaceful, restful and memorable to you.

Sincerely,

Dortell