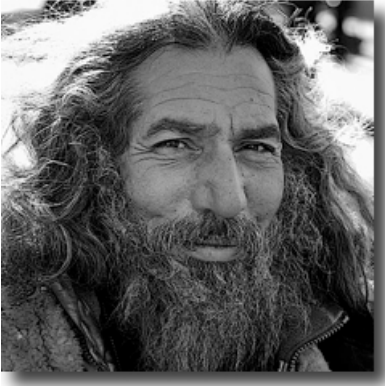


# Gary

by Steven Gowin



Gary squats before the Safeway  
on blue sky days.

Today he reads  
Raymond Chandler.

Hair a little wild...  
the professorial air.

Bipolar. Schizophrenic. Alcoholic.  
Addicted. Abused. A reader?

Hobo and hoboed.  
He's chosen me, or I him.

Use a buck, Gary?  
*Why thanks.*

*County stir's not so bad.*  
*Chandler says the same.*

Take care, OK?  
*Sure thing, you bet.*

