**Zoe Putnam**

**I Taste the Stars Tonight**

Tonight I taste the stars

And feel the unfettered wind break

While flower petals serenade me

Tonight I see only beauty

And taste pure bottled joy

While contented hums the breeze

Tonight I see beyond

My whirlwind emotions

Into the world still loves and lives

Tonight I breathe fresh air again

And my heart turns back from stone

As river boaters compliment

Tonight I learn to love a little

And release my fear of death

As I fall into peace once more

No longer stifled by fate

Nor in free-fall by design

Tonight I find myself again

And then in the moment

Whence companeous

Solitude has reclaimed me

I shed my chains

And walk unfettered

On my own support

So much lighter now

Despair has gone