

A STARRING ROLE

Retiring from the earthly stage at last,
We change and put on makeup so unique
No actor could have worn it in the past,
Nor bowed and raised so radiant a cheek.
Each player's voice resolves a major chord
With which to sing dimensions never heard.
Each tongue transmits the music of the Lord,
Each swelling passage amplifies His Word.
I will not mourn my exit toward the wings
Or sadden over lines left unexpressed.
Soon I will have a part in greater things,
Assume my true identity twice blessed:
Beginnings duly end life's old disguise;
Endings are pauses while new curtains rise.

--Glenna Holloway