And if we forget,
then those who come
Afterward
will have to kill us
(will have to kill us)
for the
life that we,
in our killing,
failed
to give them.

Norman H. Pritchard

is a native New Yorker born 22 October 1939. His education
included the Cathedral Choir School of St John the Divine, St
Peter's School (Jacob's Hill), Washington Square College, the
Institute of Fine Arts, and Columbia University. He was one of
the original members of the *Umbra* group in the early and middle
sixties, he conducted a poetry workshop at the New School for
Social Research and is poet-in-residence at the Friends' Seminary
of New York.

His poetry is essentially a poetry of sounds and rituals, and
although some of the more conventional ones have appeared in
magazines (from the *East Village Other* to *Liberator*), Pritchard's
work is better represented on two long-playing records read by
himself: Power Tree LP 2501 called *Destinations*, which contains
the work of four contemporary American poets, and the Broad-
side (Folkways) album BR 461 *New jazz poets*. In 1970 Doubleday
published his first book *The matrix: poems 1960–1970*, a beautiful
piece of production of which there exist some exquisite copies
'hand-coloured by the artist'.

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