



Torres Canyon

My eyes open. A cool dawn wind crosses my face.

Overhead are great oaks against a pale sky.

The redwood deck is old, splitting, rough with splinters, grey, covered in sharp, hard, dead oak leaves.

It is silent. But there is a light, faint sound in the silence, the sea breaking a mile below.

Gold sun touches the ridge across.

I listen.

Then a blue jay shrieks, sharp, twice.

April 25, 2000

Torres Canyon, 1932

Gui Mayo

Kater Murr's Press Piraeus Series 2002

Copyright © Gui Mayo, 2002