

6. John Cabot observed (1497) that the Beothuks painted their bodies with red ochre. His description led to the frequent use of the terms Redskins and Red Indians. (See, e.g., *The Oxford Companion to Canadian History and Literature*, s.v. BEOTHUKS.)
7. *The Last of the Aborigines* (St. John's, 1851), pp. 7, 23.
8. Again based on a story from one of Webber's informants; pp. 37-38.
9. The most recent account of Mary March can be found in Thoms, 235. Her husband was shot dead while attempting to prevent the capture of his wife by a group of planters; her infant was left to die without its mother; while she was "placed in the care of a Church of England minister, the Rev. John Leigh". By the beginning of 1820 she was dead of tuberculosis, and her body was formally brought back to her people's camping grounds as a gesture of goodwill. Understandably, it made no favourable impression on the surviving Beothuks.

IN MEMORIAM

Bill Howell

Try overlooking the ocean. Or take Freddy
 McIsaac then, when his boat fell on him.
 Just after the week he lost his baby by the 'monia
 it was, and his traps too, in the storm.
 Lucky to get home at all to his wife, Jackie,
 and it was still just the start of the season,
 and him, just twenty-seven. Under his God
 damn thirdhand Cape Islander, full of holes
 'stead of lobsters, the one he was still paying
 for, and still fixing too. And it wasn't him
 being stupid that the blocks weren't right on it,
 when he was caulking there, but the tide coming
 in that done the shifting. You can't blame Jackie
 at all, her leaving the village like that,
 'cause after all, all she had was the place
 on the point there. . . .