

# spacecraftprojects

we are all astronauts

transmissions  
nourbese philip

## A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Across the years  
*New arrival of pretty night gowns for mothers,*  
that bald the hill-top  
down to rock  
solid  
as your faith  
*shades in coloured lingerie priced only at \$3.*  
I see you  
bride  
mother  
*Once again the all-English Vigil Silk has been received by Glendennings's.*  
standing on your loss  
—this land—  
once yours and his  
now not  
*From today, the size of a penny loaf of bread*  
*has been reduced.*  
the wide divide of years  
memory's fistula  
separates  
green of girl bridled and  
braided

to love to  
honour  
to obey  
from mother wife and

*Demerara "Super" and second quality rice have been increased by \$1.60 a bag  
wholesale, and one cent a pound retail.*

dreams stillborn or  
dying as quickly in too soon—  
shadow of green  
green girl—was it?

***Colony gives for another bomber***

with creaking knees  
who climbed that hill of  
dreams  
or her essence

in the breeze ***Voiles from 36 cents up***

bringing glimpse smile  
and grief

brief as the tremor  
in the old man's voice

rough ***Imported yams***  
ragged like his clothes

"She was a good neighbour!"

from the magma of memory  
words sculpt  
reinvent and invest you  
with history  
and time

falling before you  
supplicants

to bear you up and

*Pilot officer reported missing in an RAF raid on Germany on April 25. He was a Prisoner of War at Stalagluft, Naz, Germany.*

across fifty years

back

to the time of

no time

—to green

—to girl

—to...

how I wish I knew you then!

### ***Bread Shortage***

*An appeal to consumers to be patient during the period of the bread shortage caused by delays in the arrivals of ships bringing flour and to their purchases, when flour is available, to their actual needs and not be in excess...*

## big questions

why does a chicken always cross a road  
and b follow a when the worm turns why  
don't we tell it like it was and what  
did you say the time  
was when the zebra changed  
its stripes and is it true  
what they say who is  
they did humpty  
dumpty jump or was he  
pushed when led to the water  
why didn't the horse drink why  
isn't the earth flat and how do you close  
a basket case when you say I am and  
how do you say you are can  
you kill three birds  
with one stone when the  
birds in the bush seduce  
the one in your  
hand