

“Post-baccalaureate visions”

©2005

Graduate and professional education.
Matriculation into the great...beyond...
These doors are...opportunity...
Costs are high, benefits are...unity...
In harmony are mind, text, and vision.
The formerly excluded have...risen...
From the margin, shift the...center...
Your gaze, it's...revolutionary...
War against organized hypocrisy.
The academy houses the learned leader and the influential...fool...
Hardy decisions are daily...weighed...
Heavy on the mind is...justice...
For all our sakes, aspire to this higher level.
Ordinary lives expose what lies...ahead...
Strong currents of change ebb and...flow...
Chart your course of action, strengthen your...resolve...
Dilemmas are solved through advanced education.
Choose...and define your situation.

Synopsis/introduction:

Participation in graduate/professional school is a purposeful act. It is also a thoughtful exercise in tension and connection. Earning a graduate/professional degree is a personal experience, with community implications.

BIO:

S. Purcell Woodard, Ph.D., is the associate director for both the McNair Program and Early Identification Program at the University of Washington. Both programs serve undergraduates who are low income, underrepresented, and/or first-generation college; both programs prepare these students to pursue and excel in post-baccalaureate education. Steve's poetry has also appeared earlier in this and other journals, as well as in the recent book, *Becoming multicultural educators: Personal journey toward professional agency*. (E-mail: swoodard@u.washington.edu)

To appear in the August 2005 issue of *Academic Exchange Extra*. See:
<http://asstudents.unco.edu/students/AE-Extra/>