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## *"It's time."*

*It's time.  
Take away the scaffolding  
the drop cloths  
the supports.  
Family, friends  
school, work, play –  
added and subtracted  
like so many facets  
of a gem  
cut.  
Molded, shaped  
shaken  
patched oh so many times.  
Pieces added  
which did not fit  
and were discarded.  
Pressure from inside  
cracking away the outside  
until there is  
me.*

CLAUDIA WILSON

## *Islands*

*The island of the present day  
Drifts amid a sea of time,  
While other isles of other days  
Float out of sight and out of mind.*

*The isle that sailed here yesterday  
Sinks until the voices drown,  
While other isles from older days  
Fall faster still and further down.*

*The lesson of a thousand years  
Dies before its voice is heard,  
As older minds and older mouths  
Grow up to fade without a word.*

*My heart is bleeding acid tears;  
Rain upon a drowning man,  
As younger isles and younger minds  
Turn blind away my outstretched hand.*

RICHARD BARRINGTON