

About Shelly
By Jim Wright

He always carried his own weight.
Not as a chore, but as a way of life.
And he lightened the load of many others.
Not by carrying for them,
But by making them stronger,
And teaching them a smarter way to go.

His soul was gentle, his heart passionate,
And his mind ever-seeking.
Learning and teaching were part of his DNA.
His devotion to Ohlone was deep.
He was an independent thinker, yet a team player;
A rare combination to be sure.
Although sometimes hidden
Behind a natural poker face,
He held a profound love of life and fellow man.

Some doubt a spirit world
For they think of it wrongly,
As some sort of unproven, other place.
But there is a world of spirits,
Not somewhere else but here, right now.
And Shelly is here, right now.
I can see him,
I can hear him,
I can feel his presence.
Right here, right now.