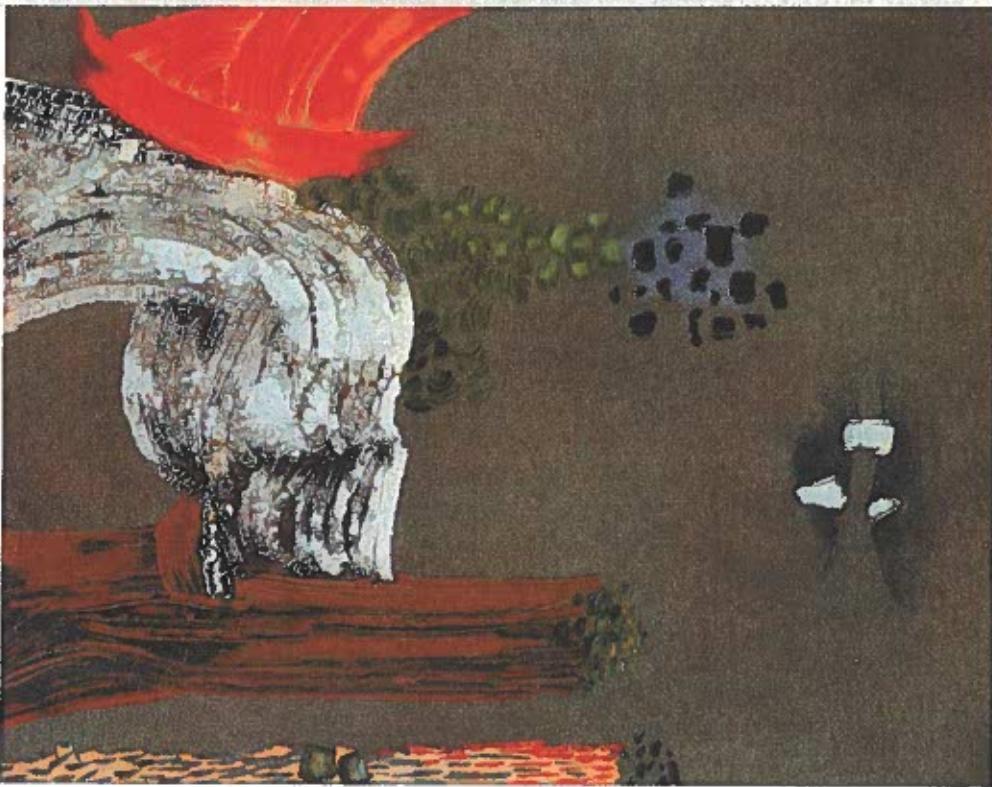


"Le Baiser"  
J. Herold



The kiss is what it evokes;

The shade from its double reclaims;  
A swish and a swirl to replay  
The minuet sculptured in grace  
Of a woman delivered, refined;  
Light and the lips unstained  
In love through its last remains  
For the innocent lost of ideals;  
Of exulted blusher to fire  
The Goddess untouched but in man.  
The kiss is but what it invokes.

oh kiss yield the stars sensed reply  
as the sparkle that casts out the eye.

oh kiss that is given but twice:

Twice to be lost then arise,  
Twice to the promised fulfill,  
Twice to install - then recall.

oh kiss, twice departed, alone  
But denied an increase  
Appealed

Bring the real as its soul belongs.

wishes soul.