

SOME REAL MAGIC:
TALIESSIN LECTURETH IN
THE SCHOOL OF THE
POETS

Donald T. Williams on the
Poetic Imagination

Within the cadences of human speech

Attentive listeners can sometimes hear

The rhythm of the wave upon the beach

Or listen to the music of the spheres.

Within the small sphere of the human eye

The watcher who knows how to look can see

A spirit that's as lofty as the sky

Or humble as the lover on his knee.

When in the alembic of the human mind
Imagination boils with memory,
Such vision with such sound can be combined,
Far more mysterious than alchemy!
The Philosopher's Stone we vainly sought of old
Could never have made such rare and costly gold.

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