'A Letter to a Soldier'

The sand invades it an Not sparing the tanks or machine

guns
Grinding between the teeth
Stinging under the cyclids

Is it true that It true that
When you squint your eyes
The pulsating desert air
Transforms the sanddrifts
Into the ripe fields of grain
A tear drops
And you're the only one to know
That the reason does not lie
In the grain of sand

Is it true that
The nights there are deeper
And the stars cascade more often
As you endlessly repeat your wish
Of returning home
Ever aware of the fact
That duty comes first

Is it true that
Everything is different
Land, animals, birds, flowers
And you, too, are not the same



Hitting Home

Presented you with a new mean

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You speak of love between one suman being
And another
Love that breaks the walls
That cuts through the barbed wire
Love that opens elenched fists
And squelches the hateful look

Is it true . . . ? It is true that We're awaiting you That we'll be greeting you like the birds Which announce the upcoming

pring It is true that Our prayers are with you Every day

Helena Domanska, Farmington Hills



Helena Domanska: "Here, if you have two hands and energy and you want to work, you can do anything."

Soldier's letter inspires poem for the troops

One of her best friends in America, Kathy Barringer of Farmington Hills, said It took some time for Irleina to allow herself to realize she could discuss her feelings. "The hardest thing for her was expressing emotions." Barringer said, "Then all of a sudden, she she got turned on to poetry."

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With the help and encouragement of her mentor with whom she lives — high school teacher Helena Baginsti — Domanska began to write po-etyr, she said. "If was like an explosion, One day I was blue, and she said 'try to write poems."

MANY OF HER Polish poems are written to rhyme, which is lost in the English translation. But Domanska said the meaning of her poems carry through the translation.

"I have to be attached with some-thing to write," she explained, de-scribing her feelings in writing the recent "A Letter to a Soldier."

"You can feel free here. Here, if you have two hands and energy and you want to work, you can do anything."

She now feels free to write her po-etry, walk in the woods and collect flowers which she designs into beau-

tiful arrangements.
While teaching elementary students in Poland, Domanska said she never had time to write poetry, but always encouraged students to be themselves. "If couldn't say anything straight, but I always tried to teach

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flein, to time, goal.

"Maybe I didn't write then because teachers are always thinking about school all day long," she added. "When I came here, I was free to think."

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During its regular meeting, the council is expected to consider several public hearings, including the introduction of zoning map amendment from single-family to vehicular parking district, on property owned by K&G Properties, south of 14 Mile and cast of Farmington Road.

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Parks and Recreation mission recommendations on the parks millage renoval inclg the ballot language and setting election date.

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The purchase of the Golf course.

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Resolution to extend theadline for the Southend Park Fct.

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meeting with the Farmingtoard
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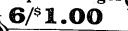
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