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THE ACOLYTE STARTS ITS SECOND YEAR with this issue, but aside from a few
extra pages, I'm making no particular effort to celebrate. Fancy anni-
versary issues are all right for fanzines which come out more frequent-
ly, but it would be silly to make a great to-do over a mere four issues.
However, if The Acolyte is able to continue for that long, I guarantee

ESTRANGED

by Duane W. Rimel

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At dusk when twilight swiftly falls,
I see your name upon the walls.
Your eyes are near,
And I can hear
The answer to my eager calls.

From far and far away you came,
From many places without name.
You told me this:
For just one kiss,
You'd bring me happiness and fame.

The kiss I gave, and now I wait
For you to come and celebrate
Our evil tryst,
But you have missed
The Purple Sign at yonder gate.

As I grow old I wonder yet
What made you miss the boat of Set.
The sign is changed;
I am estranged---
But I can never quite forget.