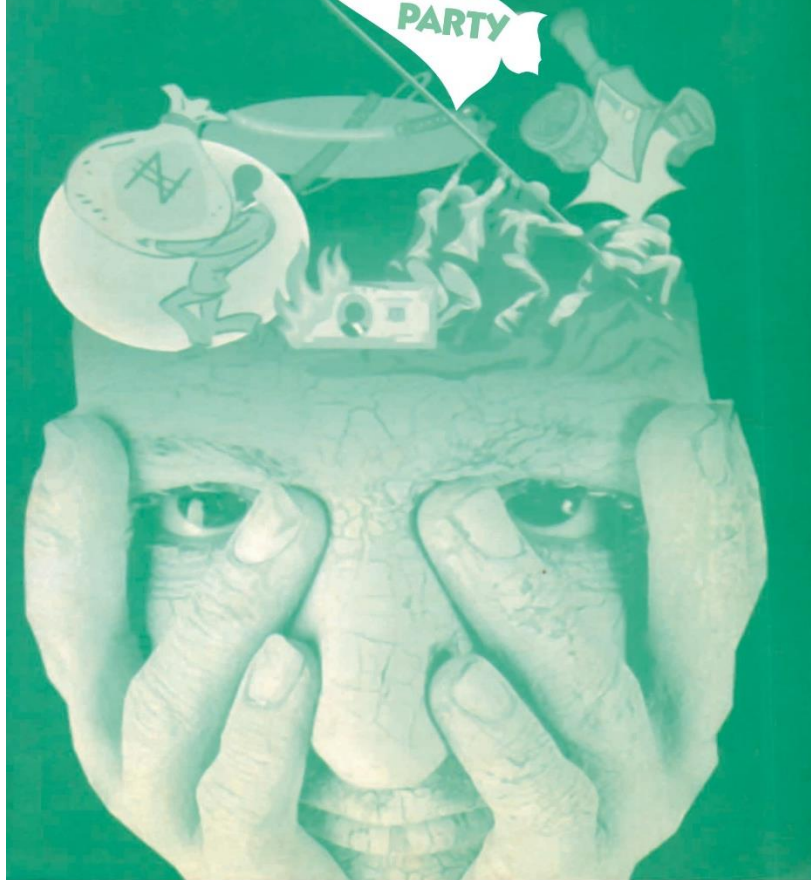


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THIS LAND OF OURS



“In *This Land of Ours* the impossible happens and the possible takes a back seat. The keen-sighted cannot see, the sharp-eared cannot hear, and the eloquent cannot speak. The shout of the giant falls on deaf ears, while the scream of the ant breaks the sound barrier.”

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The key

Know you not
That in expectation and giving
Our lot's tied in a knot
In life's rough waters sailing

Aboard a rudderless boat
In both are seeds of things
Pleasing and teasing rot
Therefore tarry, pitfall there is

In the first, there is much grieving
Only the second, grab with embrace
For this has even the Lord's blessing.
Let a shining star sit on your face

And be like the sun.
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