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## ***Here There Be Dragons***

02/10/04

Like the maps of old  
When no one knew better;  
The blank spots we filled  
In our wondering minds,  
Whether conscious and dreaming,  
With dragons both bad and bold.

Few knew where Vietnam lies,  
Its place in the worlds of nature  
And men; with what voices it spoke.  
And fewer still its culture and past  
Or cared. But rarest the number  
Who had seen with their eyes.

So in learned ignorance we went  
To teach; got toasted and taught  
Having much to learn and paying  
For the privilege a seller's price;  
For indeed there were dragons,  
And they collected our rent.

*~Gerald A. Ney~*