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# elephants & butterflies

by alan michael parker

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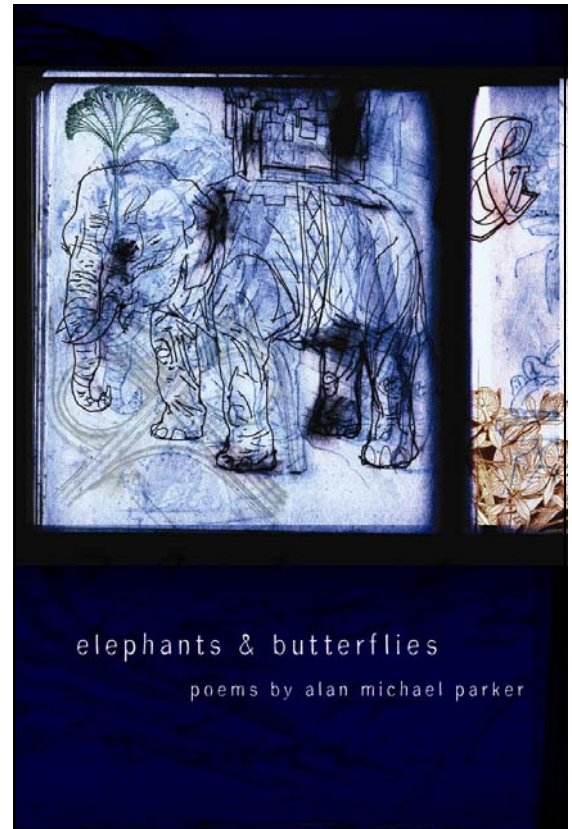


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