## **Geologically Speaking By Patricia Williams**

Liquefied rock erupted

sizzled red with mind-boggling heat –
 became an enveloping mantle.

Languidly, the overlay sank,

– created the Great Lakes basin –
while ice sculpting in endless ages
caused a prehistoric rise.

The glacial sheet retreated,
ever altered the ecosystem –
a driving outflow covered hollows,
nurtured rivers, whittled valleys.

Ongoing uplift and volatile climate

– eternities of fire and ice –

indicate the Lakes remain

unfinished,

unknown changes..... still to come.

