

***The Return*, by Armand Merizon**

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Early in his career, Michigan artist Armand Merizon was known as a painter of photo-realistic landscapes and imaginative nature scenes. When he developed macular degeneration in the late 1980s, he traded representational work for a more abstract style and began to look inward for ideas and inspiration. His 1972 painting *The Return* features an ambiguous, ethereal figure framed in a transparent enclosure.