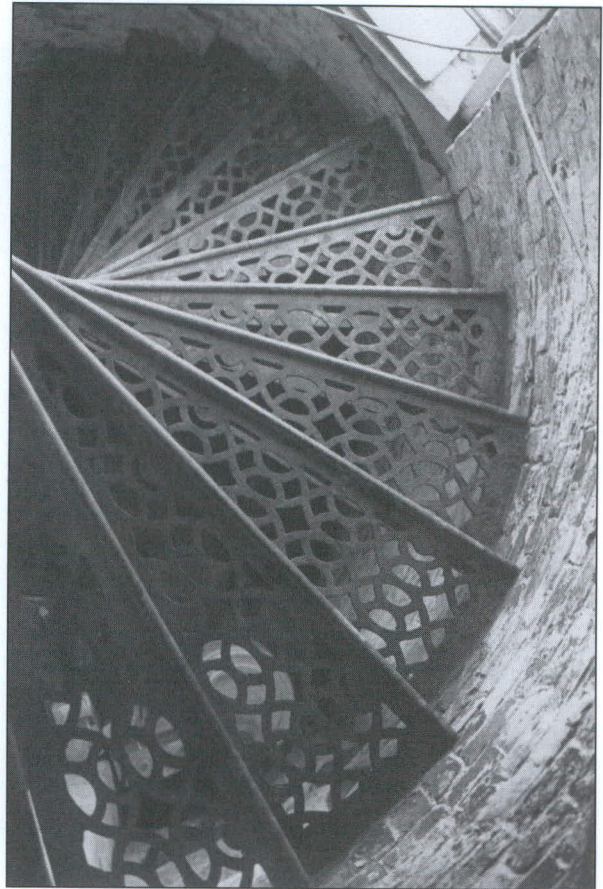


MARK ISLAND LIGHT AND ITS SPIRAL STAIRCASE



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*Mark Island Light's spiral staircase,  
Like steps of mortal man,  
Leads upward toward horizons  
He can ultimately scan.*

*Halfway up the stairway  
He cannot see the start,  
Or not quite yet the finish  
Because they're far apart.*

*Step by step we clamber,  
Without the stairway showing  
From where it was we started  
To where it is we're going.*

*We cannot see the tower,  
As to its top we rise;  
Or know what far horizons  
Will startle and surprise.*

BY JAMES RUSSELL WIGGINS