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Even reduced to a streak of gray and red,  
this 'possum's life must be considered successful.  
He was crossing the road—my keen but subtle sense  
of the obvious says—to get to the other side  
and now he has,  
though the other side has turned  
out to be farther than he'd ever dreamed.  
A thin envy invades my fleeting regret  
as I swerve to avoid him and his guardian angel,  
the raven with its bloody beak  
cleaning up after the rapture and escorting  
his hissing ghost to its endless reward.

*Paul Grant*



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