

Honesty of Action

We have that only truly beautiful
thing: honesty of action. This means
what we mean, what we do.

I know your knock at my door.
I answer it if I can move
that far in that direction at that time.

When I reach for you, you may
walk away. When I find a bone
in my soup I either eat it

or leave it in the bowl or
place it in your bowl for you to eat.
If neither of us eats it we throw it away.

Dime

When my father was seven
his brother, my uncle,
was born. My father sold
his brother to his uncle
for a dime.

For as long as I can remember
my father has told me
how hard things were
in those days.

-- William Virgil Davis

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