

## SPRING TRAINING

Muddy brown fields  
just starting to green  
the earth in april  
our minds in june  
we want to play baseball  
so we mud it out.  
Right away  
we're the world champion  
going all the way  
the first practice is always like this.  
And i like coaching third  
bent over squinting  
blinking clapping  
talking it up  
my hands start moving  
the ear lobe  
belt buckle  
shoulder  
the brim of my hat  
my wrist  
the belt again  
wipe my hand across my chest  
clap three times  
scratch my shoulder  
giving the signs so good  
so smooth  
even my hitter  
don't know what the hell is going on.

## DISCOVERING GREAT WRITERS

"i get the sobers  
every so often," he says,  
"you know, i can  
see the sun and not hurt.  
i can write my name,  
speak english,  
and live in peace with my neighbors  
every time i catch the sobers.  
don't get 'em much  
any more."  
then he gets up  
goes back inside  
and the interview is over.