

THE WORLD'S FULL OF WRITERS  
WHO DON'T WRITE  
PAINTERS WHO DON'T PAINT

you don't have to stick a  
loaded shotgun in your mouth  
to write.

neither do you have to fight  
bulls or walk  
citystreets in that romantic  
blue raincoat  
with its torn lining. & the

only war you need to have fought  
in, is the one that goes on every  
second of the day inside you.

you just have to listen  
& write.

you don't have to paint sun-  
flowers, screams, naked women  
or deadgreeks.

you just have to paint &  
if you've an eye that cares --  
there will be something.

& they probably won't like it  
until you're good, safe  
& dead.

-- Bill Lewis

Chatham, Kent, England

THE ERNEST  
hemming way:  
to assure that  
one's skirts  
do hang right.

THE EDNA ST. VINCENT  
mill lathe:  
for the production  
of interchangeable  
wooden parts.

THE GERTRUDE  
stein:  
for the two-fisted  
female  
beer-drinker.

THE ARCHIBALD MC  
leash:  
for the curbing  
of dogs  
outside bookstores.