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## Painting

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## THE SNOWY FIELDS (For Robert Bly)

1.

Driving through the new snow  
between the silent fields. Michigan.

If I was to walk across that field  
I'd meet myself coming quietly back  
through the snow. A ghost.

2.

The whole country  
is snowing today.  
Everyone everywhere  
is alone today.  
Like the sparrows  
that shiver on the wires.

## PAINTING (For Roy Carruthers)

Lines. Twenty snowy mountains.  
The eye of the blackbird.  
Van Gogh at St. Remy. Screaming in sun colors.

Leaves ride the gutters  
through the streets. In the shadows  
lonely men pass. An owl screeches the wind  
through the fingers of the trees.  
The river is moving. Singing madly  
through time.