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## City Slicker

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## **CITY SLICKER**

Collapsing in his wheelchair,  
as bulky as a barn full of animals.  
His mouth open a crack,  
I walk in.  
All these heavy words inside  
like tired cows grown fat.  
I poke around in the dark,  
looking for something to keep.

Skin is peeling off the roof  
of his mouth. Breath seeps out  
through cracks in his dreams.  
It seems I am a stranger here,  
in this ruined farm of my father.

I walk back into the big city  
of myself, twirling my certainties,  
driving my poems to market.