

COWS IN THE RAIN

Look how all those cows
are standing in the rain, standing
still and staring in the rain.

No, wait. Some are shifting,
drifting away, moving away
slowly in the downpour, some more
slowly than others.

And some of those drifting away
are chewing. Some are not.
Also chewing are some still
standing and staring in the rain,
remember them?

And they're not all staring. Some
stand there blinking. Because
of the rain, splashing.

And some that once appeared to be standing
are lying down. A few seem to be
sleeping on the muddy ground, while others
appear to be trying to stand up.
Those trying to stand up
are not chewing, however,
except a few.

So,
none of the cows
standing still and staring in the rain appear
to be what, at first, they seemed, do they?

Except a few. One or two.
Three.
Four, maybe.