THE UNIVERSITY ABANDONED OVERNIGHT

This is the university abandoned overnight. A few years ago they all left one night, students, Faculty, administration. No-one knows why, And it has remained a mystery. People Keep away, with rumors of being haunted, et cetera. I like to walk here at night, The complete echoes between the science plaza, The practice-fields, dormitories, classrooms, the millions Of books in perfect alphabetical Order. Everything is intact and repastful. This Could be the night before the night they left. I keep walking, Maybe I was a student or teacher here but it doesn't matter. Memories, even if true, would be out of place here. This is the university abandoned overnight, A perfected and necessary legend.

CORPSE AND BEANS, OR WHAT IS POETRY?

I sit at my table and sometimes the question of poetry crosses my mind

For example

The man who one night ate a big plate of beans

Then got tired

Of everything and killed himself

Next day at the burial

Everyone said, What's that noise?

Was it poetry?

Bill Knott (1940-1966)