

T O D A Y

Today there were seven scarecrows
in the fields when I went by
tomorrow there will be eleven
it is surprising how scarecrows collect scarecrows
how birds stay on the wing
the corn grows high

the corn grows high in the fields

Today there were five letters to answer
each with his separate mouth open to be fed
and I was busy with the chores
the garden was growing and soon the marigolds
will bloom
and my wife's in her eighth month

the woman is in her eighth month

Tomorrow the dangerous signs of today
will wash out of the sickly clothes
I wear today in anxiety
cats who are lost for years will come back
to lie on our porches
and we will be good to each other again
as we once were

cats will be new again on the porches