

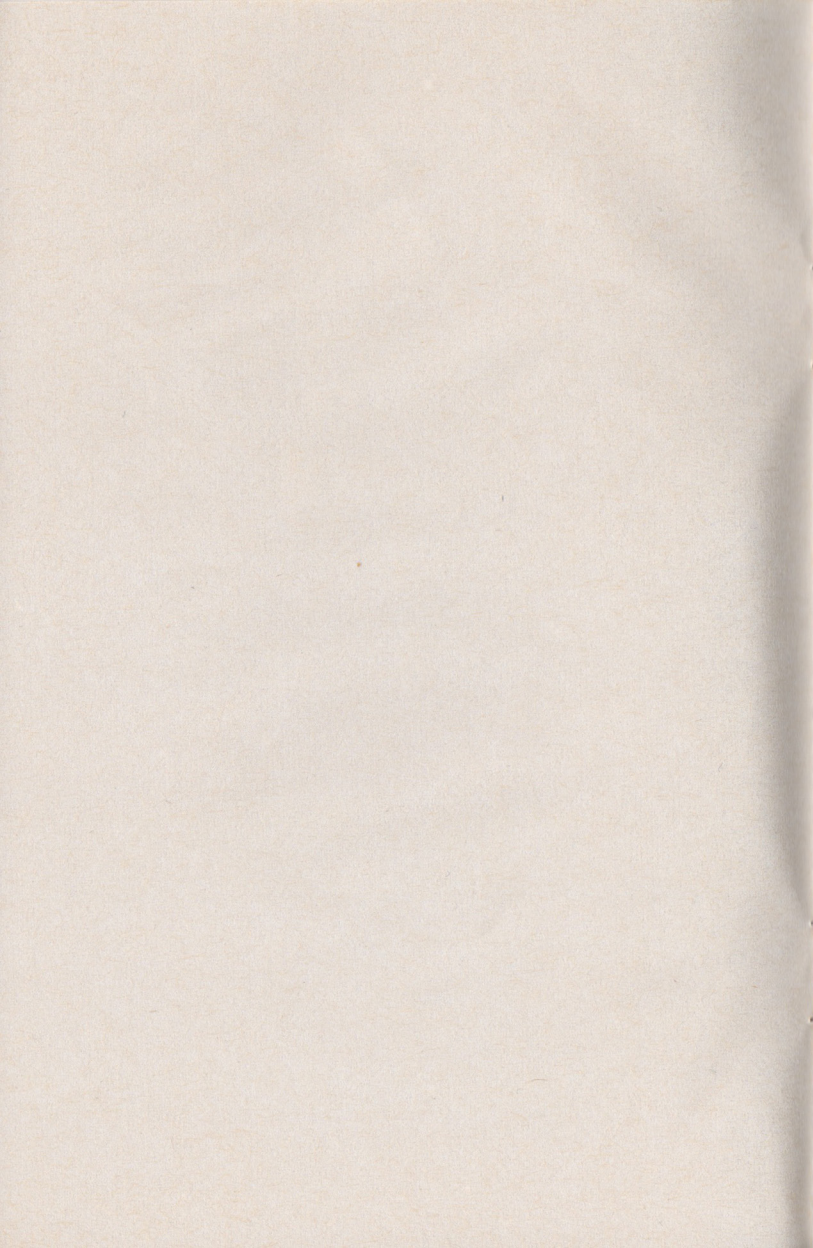
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the meadowlark*



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*for my son Jack who inspired the
haiku used in the title and for my
daughter Sue, both fine critic and
patient listener . . . much love*

*To my haiku
buddy, happy reading
& see you again soon.
Love, Fran*

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lamplight
quilts crazy patterns
on fresh snow

shadows
 deepen the crusted tracks
of the snowshoe hare

winter against winter
the ermine breaks through
the winter trees

not broken
refined answers
wondering

winter chill
bleaches the wilderness
the ermine's summer fur

broken spring
wondering the waiting time
the

hugging the valley's cleavage snow clouds

haloed sun
snow showers soften
the cliff's rough edges

white against white
the crocus breaks through
the winter crust

frozen spring
meets its melting point
drip
by
drip

shut tight
against spring rain
windflowers

narcissus bulbs
in his jeans pocket
now brighten his grave

spring rain

camellia blossoms fall

into a pool of petals

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deserted road
quail chicks in tandem
behind her nodding plume

summer clouds . . .
gnats swirling
in the sun


filling the field
with summer light
wild mustard blooms

his shadow
shapes to the bent
of his hickory cane

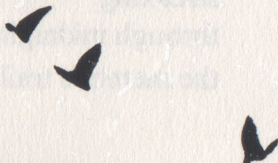
the barn kitten
fills a patch of sunlight
on the hayloft floor

humid afternoon
over the river basin
a bowl of white clouds





blue shadows slant
on the white picket post
. . . dragonfly



son's fluting whistle
woos the meadowlark
ever closer

streaking
through midnight stars
the meteor's trail

undulating
through the tangled marsh grass
glint of copperhead

as the river coils
through the deep canyon
the sidewinder suns

deep woodland shade
the glow of gold
in the violet's eye

one by one
fanning the twilight
fireflies

haloed moon
rising from the marsh pond
the egret's silver wake

a spent leaf on the spider's loose thread
spindles

clapper-less
wind chimes
a new resonance

ocean beach fog
bareback riders race
the breaking surf

autumn haze
an orca cruising south
spouts a rainbow

Monet's autumn pond
below the bridge's eyebrow
. . . lilies in the mist

valley fog the kildeer's cry answers itself

leaves
cascade down
the waterfall
Indian summer

the ladybug's belly
clings to the windowpane
late autumn chill

brothers
harvesting the cornfield
monk & mouse

summer passage . . .
longer shadows follow
the flocking geese

closing the cabin
the drive down the logging road
full of potholes

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