IN A CATS EYE

billy k craig

You must wonder

From a cat's eye

Everything seen

In shades

Of gray

Where form begins

And shadow ends

Her languid

Body stretched

Out on the couch

And though domesticated

For thousands of years

The little bird

Dead on the pillow beside her

Does not sing

Though

The sky is blue

And filled with white

Billowing clouds

The ear poised

The air stilled and

Waiting

But only by the eye

Can it be

And there-only in shades

Of gray

The fleck of blood

The darker of the grays