

FORCE MOVEMENTS

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To the memory of b.p. Nichol (1944-1988)

automobile poem

an auto's horn
bla-
sting in traffic

grass poems

grass is a movement vertical or horticultural. It depends upon where you sit.

—for William Roberts,
a painter

do
you
see
a
dis
turb
an
ce
of
the
grass (where
a
mouse
or
a
house
was
?)

bird poem

the child
rolls her head sky-
ward

sea poem

the sea today is blue & smooth without bound
& a little boat touches sea & sky & sun
at a point as on a graph lines intersect

train poem

the sound of the train
shooting power-
ful fire

raining sparks
& words here

fall

the force of the fall
in
ing . dent

bridge poem

the force of the bridge
held up
or holding itself up

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sudden re-
lease of image

highway poem

the high-
way turns
as an image
works

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