

A Place to Know

Live in the city, if you please
with all the modern howl,
social solace of the teeming throngs,

stereophonic seances, soft carpets
inadequately dulling
the clamor of traffic;

Friday night in the subdivision,
Saturday night at the television,
Sunday night and the indecision.

I wouldn't, if you must know,
trade that great horned owl
hooting softly, timorously

outside my window just now
for all of the comfortable, carefree,
urbanized dwellings of anywhere.