

## Prairie Lookout

Across the vast black spread of bottomland  
A keen eye swept the moonlight  
From towering crest of bluff  
Centered in the fine dry grass  
A purple flower nodded darkly near  
Soft quick chirps of crickets came  
From every clump of red-brown stems.

Above the shining limestone cliffs  
The hawk-nosed silhouette  
Hung motionless in the breeze  
Paint and feather gleamed a moment,  
Slipping down into rippling waves of grass  
Bathed in the summer moonlight  
Circled by the shadowy rustling oaks.