

Carrion Crow

Black sheets of rain
Saturated sky
A dark canopy descending
Over corn stubble
Hedgerow, woodland
Blood soaked road.

Nature's undertaker
Lurched, hopped clumsily
A dance of death
Took some morsel in its beak
Dragged heavy body to air
On black sheeted wings

A swathe of starlings
Swooped and grounded
Fought frenzied and loud over scraps
Chirped as adolescents
Like miniature demons
In the shadow of their master

