

## SIX HAIKU

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crows circle the fields  
as monks disappear in corn  
their prayers above them

the moon is rising  
uncovering white crosses  
retreatants can't sleep

monks among the trees  
lost in the caves of their hoods  
prayers rise from shadows

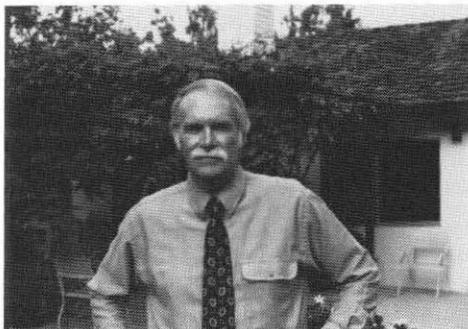
dipping in and out  
of rows of hot bristly wheat  
monks dance in august

morning glories bloom  
on monastery woodpiles  
the saws are quiet

my cereal bowl  
is full of Christ in sunshine  
I will skip breakfast

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