

US 30 in Idaho
(Doris Avshalomov)

If the last magpie were to die
Of a stomach ache
They'd have to make a new kind of tire
So a car could drive through the bodies of
Jackrabbits, rattlesnakes
Pack rats, ranch cats,
Prairie dogs, gray-diggers,
Field mice, porcupines

And

China pheasants, bobwhites,
Goldfinches, turtledoves,
Meadowlarks, butterflies . . .

And magpies.