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## Farmwatch

O this my watch, my heart's hitch,  
The bygone joy that's never healed;  
I'm always on my way but never reach  
That farm, far hayfield, wandering child.

## Hosanna

Hosanna, the eternal ripening—  
Summer's slow swelling of kerneled forms,  
Their irreversible bearing towards rounding,  
Hosanna, the weighing down of arms.

Hosanna, the belly brimming with life—  
The straight and narrow ever veering , filling,  
The inevitable circling,  
Hosanna, the fruit-heavy limbs of love.

## Bittersweet

For Nedis

I'm going out to walk the winter woods  
At last light, where the bittersweet runs wild,  
Along a ramshackle, rail fence, hard by  
The far hayfield's demise—come with me.

I know the way through blackberry brambles,  
Round a sunken pond, past ancient maples,  
To a hidden clearing in the forest's lee,  
Only olden lovers reach—come with me.

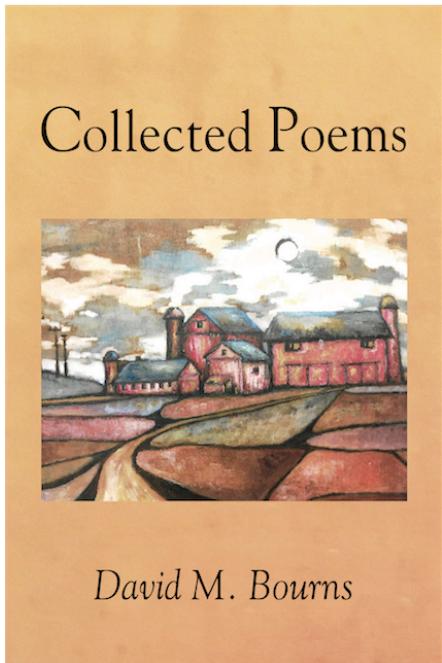
## Lullaby

tree so high  
wind so far  
ride me, ride me  
on a star

love so helpless  
full of fright  
dance me, dance me  
in the light

cloud so soft  
rain so long  
rock me, rock me  
with a song

love so strong  
warm and deep  
sing me, sing me  
till I sleep



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