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**DID THE FALLING FEATHER CAUSE THE CROW
PAIN**

In tulip gardens we gather.
Iridescent the falling feather.
Iridescent the bubbling paella.
The crow, the clam, are brothers.
In life and death.
Serene the sky.
Serene the bay.
Serene the earth, the toothsome root, humble, undercover.

We live in an idyllic world of food and hooligans.
But don't call the carrot infidel for living underground.
On the patio, the musician ratchets up his accordion.
Formerly serene, he makes a weird face as if in pain.
Beautiful pain.

We lose things every day, and it hurts.
Does the falling feather cause the crow pain?
Is it hard to cling to a delft blue bowl turned upside down?
Our bodies are toothsome and buttery.
The astonished clam meets its fate in the paella pan.

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