I think that I shall never see A poem as cute as a cow pea That blooms in spring, is picked in fall To become hopping john to feed us all; Nor find a sonnet that truly means More to my soul than collard greens Long cooked and slow in an iron vat And flavored by some back of fat; No verse, no matter how well said Can take the place of crackling bread. For poems are made by fools like I But not everyone can make a sweet-potato pie.