

The Chicken
A life-snippet

on the dusty road
by old neighbor Henry's farm
a slow chicken died

three silage truckers
sped by many times that day
smashing that chicken

each time a welcome
moment of fun distraction
on a boring day

by evening only
feathers and brown smudge remained
to mark its flat grave

chuckling at day's end
we three shared chicken stories
in fowl disrespect

Setting: The gravel road between cornfield and pit silo on our family farm, Ray County, Missouri, August 1962



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