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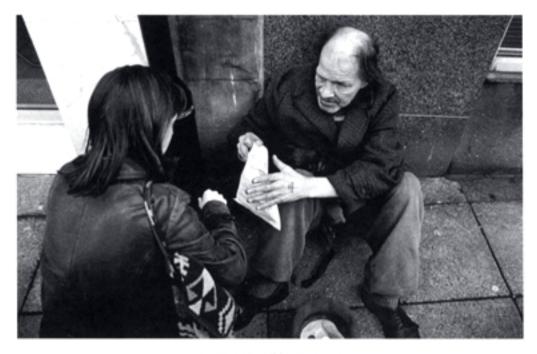
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## PERRY MADDOX \{ALBANIAN DREAMS \\ (Winner, Margaret Haley Carpenter Prize for Poetry)

Long after independent assortment had set the deck of fate, a worker among millions slices the skin of a finger on the rotor of an un-oiled assembly device, jammed from neglect.

Long after random fertilization had determined the cold reality of things, a drop of black blood falls on the dry steel, causing it to slide back into place and run again.

Long after the crossing over of money from dead uncle to newly rich nephew, a young man awakes in a penthouse to a throbbing thumb but sees no use in it and returns to sleep.



TIM HOSPODAR\{THE EXCHANGE (Nominated, staff art award)

