

WIFE CLEANS HOUSE

Don Domanski

wife crawls beneath rocks
and comes out with salamanders
and beetles in her dust pan

wife places her hands in a pond
and brings up the bottom
in a plastic bag

wife climbs to the tops of trees
and throws starlings to the ground
then sweeps them away

wife plants seeds
and lamps appear
and mahogany tables
and a chesterfield
and quiet pictures
of the family.

GETTING CLOSER TO THE LINES

John Ditsky

Carefully, carefully,
along the straight sharp lines
I cut, the scissors defining
the star that lit the stable
—in construction paper I'll
white-paste to the window
of my schoolroom, seen
by those who pass.