

### **Mixing the Meadow**

gophers and elk  
in the meadow

the gophers  
make mounds  
of sifted dirt

the elk push  
the dirt down  
the gophers

bring it up  
I'm hoping  
huckleberry

and wild onion  
do well again  
next year

### **The Sleeping Boat**

In Wisconsin, watch the turtle  
preparing for the winter freeze  
burrowing into silt just offshore.

The Ho-Chunk people  
of Lake Mendota wintered  
their carved wooden canoes  
by weighting them with rocks  
sinking them in silt offshore  
to keep them from freezing,  
cracking, and warping.

The slow movement of ice  
forming before snow settles  
on top is a clear lens,  
the turtle's eye watching  
as yesterday waits for tomorrow.