

## DEEP SWAMP

Two wading egrets  
in long courting plumage drink  
their last reflections

Sun drops suddenly  
After is not for humans  
A night heron shrieks

Wind stirs brown water  
around cottonmouth coils  
and bald cypress knees

Mist and moon mingle  
Wings and pawpads ply shadows  
Rats and rabbits hide

Now is the hunter's  
Only hunger rules the dark  
Law is ancient here