

CHANGMING YUAN

NATURAL CONFRONTATIONS

1/ Crow

A baby raven
Popping up from nowhere
Tries to
Establish itself:
One dark truth
On the skeletal tree top
Yawing fiercely
Towards the sky, the wind, the buildings
The fields and the entire afternoon
All so fluffily white
In jade-toned snow

2/ Leaf

Like a wounded soldier
Firmly holding his position
You are the only one
Still hanging there
To blockade the invasion
Of a whole cold season

3/ Vortex

Turning, twirling
In ever smaller circles
A vortex in the stream
Seems to be sucking in
All the waters on earth
Like the black hole
Trying to swallow
The whole universe