

An Unrelenting Meal

Along a Florida lake,
an old crane dipped and ducked
In shallow water;
darted away from younger, more agile fowl,
then steadied himself
on thin awkward legs.

In his feeding frenzy,
he twisted and crooked his neck,
gulped hard to choke down
an unyielding fish,
before the others realized
he'd bitten off
far more
than he could swallow.