

## The Poet

It is a terrible thing to think  
that one can just sit and write poetry  
and believe one can get away with it  
and leave to others the effort and grind  
to keep the world ticking

with important things  
such as food and drink  
and clothing, shoes and shelter,  
getting married and having children

and all of life's necessities,  
and ministers who preach truths,  
perform naming ceremonies and hold sermons at funerals,  
so that we enter the world and leave it with decency,

yes you know all of that  
which is so necessary  
and then a poet sits there  
and just about skips over all that is mentioned here  
and thinks he can get away with it,

yes how far  
can a man get away  
from all those regularly industrious and humble.

Einar