

## WORLD WIDE INDUSTRIAL CAPITALISM

But here in the slums, in the broken body, in the children we  
see Christ and we touch him.

– *Mother Theresa*

It's crumbling and growing  
at the same moment.  
It spreads, gnaws and grinds  
old ways and cultures.  
The earth is fed thru it  
and comes out autos,  
toys, transistor radios and bombs.

Left behind is dead rivers  
poisoned air, naked hillsides  
and the ever growing ghetto  
of cheap labor.  
It has created Seoul,  
7 1/2 million people,  
Tokyo, Mexico City and New York  
over 10 million each,  
and the countrysides  
hills and farms  
are emptying out  
drained of the security  
of family and village.  
Greed and exploitation  
are gods of the ghettos.

When Rome conquered Carthage,  
it imported cheap wheat  
and trashed Roman agriculture  
forcing farmers to move to Rome  
for jobs and a free ride  
while the rich bought the land  
for the elaboration of their pleasures.  
Rome, city of beauty and human dignity,  
became a ghetto, democracy died,  
the tyrants and the underclass  
married in mutual excess  
and Christ was the worm in the catacombs.