

## The Unloading

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Ore piled like mountain ranges  
The gantry overhead  
Rains tons upon the mountain tops  
Heavy, grey as lead  
Steam from a hundred chimneys  
White against the grey  
The molten drop, a liquid sun  
Burns orange upon the bay

Slab-sided rust brown buildings  
The twisted gas-fed glow  
Illuminates the moonscape  
Of the harbour side below  
The water dark and quiet  
Grim the fall of night  
The unrelenting energy  
Grim the morning light

All the way from Port Cartier  
Holds laden down with ore  
Up the wide St. Lawrence  
Along Ontario's shores  
Berthed beside the steel mill  
In the fading of the light

Beneath the jaws of iron  
and steel  
And their endless appetite

The gantries tireless motion  
The whining and the roar  
The mountains moved inside the hold  
Further moved to shore  
Then all these machinations  
Ingenuity of man  
Wind down to broom and shovel  
In a single workers hand