

# Spring inventory/Ursuline Mother House/Paola, Kansas

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Thanks for this window, three stories up,  
and the breeze in the curtains, laundered by the rain,  
for the unrolling leaves, green and silver.

Thanks for the red-tile roof and the clean white  
cornice, for the blue-gray wings in the eaves,  
coming, going, spread cruciform.

Thanks for the quicksilver sky caught  
in a bowl, for frogs in the garden,  
flip-flap, chitter-chatter trees,

and that one persistent whistler whose  
song flies out like line  
from a fisherman's reel.

This is my song, too,  
cast out, cast  
out.