

## The Pattern

Amulius Silvius with ambition  
to be a god found it could be done  
by the construction of a machine.  
By diligent research on the streets,  
he soon learned that awe  
is generated by loud noises.  
He produced a thunder making machine;  
soon had a large following  
proclaiming him  
the equal of Jupiter.

A few refused to believe  
until he regulated his machine  
to produce thunder  
according to an invariable pattern.  
Then everyone was convinced;  
how could anyone but a god  
produce thunder  
that sounded so natural.

## The Controllers

hid my face  
                    under shirt  
stuck hand  
                    through collar  
they came with their handbook  
read my palm  
                    seeing in the lines  
their own autobiography  
they never knew  
they were looking  
                    into a mirror  
                    what  
they saw  
they condemned  
                    therefore  
I was allowed to buy groceries