

The parrot fish, more subtle,
lives in a tawdry world
of coral and sharks.
Coral slowly builds it atolls,
sharks are "the perfect predatory machines."
Therefore the parrot fish
develops his nutcracker beak
with which he browses the coral
and when ingested
by the prehistoric corporations of sharks
gnaws his way through their bellies
to freedom.

Let us not discourse on change,
but on the beautiful motions:
the arrows in their numerous trajectories,
the parrot fish in their jukebox cascades
of gold and blue and arsenic green,
not one identical to the other,
all of them seemingly satisfied,
not one of them argumentative.

9 Ways to Have a Good Time in Pittsburgh

attend an "over 21" dance at the Webster Hall Hotel

listen to Archibald MacLeish read at the International
Poetry Forum

walk around the Stephen Foster Memorial

read the entertainment section of The New York Times

see the steelmills at night two nights in a row
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walk around Mellon Square

walk the other way around Mellon Square

take a taxi thru the suburbs of Weirton, McKee's Rocks,
Millvale, Blawnox, Etna, Rankin, Homestead,
Dravosburg, Beltzhoover, and Aspinwall

guess which the Monangehela River?
and which
the Allegheny?