

### Shadow Painting

Follow the black heel shadow  
north past the show window  
foot step walking to the last car row  
throwing the transmission lever R  
manoeuvring into the roadshow  
and heading slowly north on 2A.

The new bungalow park on the edge  
of the Bow River fades into the  
meadow of flax and rapeseed  
as we follow the traffic flow  
planning Red Deer tomorrow  
low priority destination throws  
rainbow dreams into my widow-making driving.

Oh!

Allowing a mirror glance  
to see three parallel plowing  
trucks now filling eye-wipe-brow view  
Cement, Evans, vowing to keep up  
to United Van Lines highbrow moving  
and somehow even with the Kenworth  
load of 36" snow-plows.

Ow!

*Nick Ringma*