

## Etheridge Knight

### BLACK MAN HAIKU

Beyond this green field,  
Men assault the earth, trees . . .  
Building a prison — *damn!*

### II

Brother Boll Weaver's  
Come from Mexico — *eat* this cotton —  
Boss, mad — me, glad!

### III

Come! bring breath, body!  
These mountains, lakes, trees — sing!  
We dance, day *and* night . . .

### IV

O deer, mountains, trees . . .  
When bombers boom/slash sky,  
Do your hearts tremble too?