

## JIM DANIELS

### *March in Waterville*

Tonight a pianist performs  
in the school auditorium  
the music rolling back and forth  
into a lullaby for winter.

Tonight in the gym  
ten boys race up and down the floor  
the crowd responding to each basket  
to this mad tattooing of spring.

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An old man walks  
humming the song of the pianist  
and a young boy bounces a basketball  
shooting alone on the outdoor court.

Late tonight in Ohio  
all there is in this whole city  
stretching out flat into fields ripe for planting  
is an old man humming a bouncing ball  
a young boy bouncing the piano's notes  
blending, the notes, ball rising, music everywhere  
and swollen hearts pounding hills  
up out of this flat land.