

## THE PATTERSONS

Keep a nice house,  
those two,  
everything in place,  
trash out the night before,  
no dust anywhere, spotless fridge,  
waxed and shining car,  
trimmed hedges and one inch grass,  
church goers, civic stars  
who for no reason  
as told by those in the know  
stopped making love,  
and just in greeting the couple  
at the grocery store,  
seeing them go about their ways,  
I am grieved by the very notion  
that loss lives in the world