

# Rationing

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*Black Crows (Oranges No. 1)*, Grace Hartigan, 1958

Poet who does not order his word world

Skirts reason to let run intuition

Untethered, unconstrained, unfurled and hurled  
Into this our breathing world: fruition

Stunted. Signifying his surrender.

Inchoate otiose bloviation

The reader scorned. Such is my distemper,  
When thus compelled to provide the ration.

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