

# POETRY

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## ADAPTATION

Old World ravens — medieval days —  
Jousting mid the fallen knights upon a battle plain  
(Just an afternoon's bright skirmish)  
Scavengers where all's decided  
history of serf and lord and thane.

New World ravens — Old West frontier times —  
Circling round vast bison herds in acrobatic flight  
Ready for the coming slaughter  
(And the settlement to follow)  
Offal repast for the birds' delight.

Small-town ravens — modern high-tech world —  
Perched on light poles, croaking greetings, wise in mankind's way  
Then a fast commute to nuisance  
Ground from alley, eager for the  
Feast of goods on garbage pick-up day.

- *Victor Friesen*



*Upland Sandpiper*

*George Tosh*