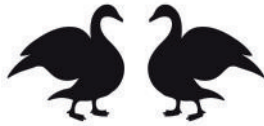


IGNATIUS VALENTINE ALOYSIUS

WORK POEM #1



There must be accountability.
There must be my
coming on time. Yes, but

a few minutes sooner is better,
you say. There must be my skillful
production and nothing less.

There must be my dedication;
you want that most of all, and I can
convince you of no other bargain

in exchange for what I take home
every two weeks, knowing that I'm
worth a lot more by what I do

for you. Money—is a caravan
that delights my soul's journey
and warms my blood. It buys

my peace and keeps my seat.
And I'll still say that it's always
never quite enough!