

## *Newell Boathouse*

*The camera caught the varsity of '93,  
young lions resting easy on their oars  
upon the Charles, their muscles carved as clean  
as plates in Gray's Anatomy.*

*The handles of the oars are black with blood  
but no one would have thought a thing of that  
back then. All blisters heal themselves in time  
or had so far, in 1893.*

*Did each young lion's luck last long enough  
to let him die of age and not while still alive,  
of blisters bleeding on unhealed as all  
his hope wore off against the world?*

