

## Birk Sproxtton / UNTITLED

wandering men  
tapping the face of the country  
caught now in black & white  
hooked  
    out of time

1  
    behind David's eye  
    a shy wish to be soft-footed in muskeg  
    and bush or facing the wind  
    in a canoe instead of here  
    with children & women & family extended  
        across the page a cabin  
        (syllable in a long articulation)

2  
    and Tom framed  
    by the doorway smiling  
    other men to his left  
        and in the foreground a hunch  
        of snarling husky snapping  
        at the camera baring  
        his teeth thinking *meat*

3  
    a hockey picture skates & sticks  
    manager in long coat with fur collar  
    other men to his left the *comitatus*  
    smiling hands in his pockets  
    and in his head  
        (sentence of the future  
    a buzz  
        of bush planes