

*... How I feel affects other people!!!*



# A MOTIVATING FACTOR

Poverty motivates me  
Because I've seen it  
and lived through it

I've touched and, in many ways,  
been touched by the sadness  
of doing or being without.

My senses have been penetrated  
by the horror of surrender  
Flushed from the mainstream of society  
Diminished to nothing but a concern  
Ignored, deplored, unrestored. . . .

Poverty motivates me  
Because I've escaped it and live despite it.  
Yet I am not so naive nor too vain to believe  
I am beyond it.