

STUDIO POEM

for Peter & Heather Cartwright

inside a spread a wall of graphite drawings
a phantom wonky supermarket trolley wheel
broken Louis heel a displaced migrant pigeon
sketches on multiple random ATM receipts
transcribed to large white squares of grander works
paintings with ribbons of wavering orange

out in the quivering woods & by the hedgerows
colours of leaf & branch shift season to season
the air pulls at the notebook as the steady hand
celebrates with care those tonal graduations
sharing a harmonic powerful vision
a dual salutation of the teeming world

a pair of doves scud overhead calling calling
marking their passage from hill to town to forest

John James