

"Harvest" (scarecrow)

There is magic in the woods of East Texas. ~~Sudden~~
clearings reveal small fields some planted
~~some fallow~~ The people here know of Naints and
spirits and strange ^{malevolent} powers. An owl hoots
and a broom is placed across ~~the main~~ ^a doorway because
Death is near and someone is sure to die.

Crows are tricksters, marauders and bad news,
and To ^{hang} ~~put~~ a dead one on a scarecrow ^{is to increase the} ~~increases~~ its
wandering powers, the magic. But this ^{plan} ~~is~~ a fallow
field in early autumn, three scarecrows
like hooded terrorists seem to have emerged
from the dark woods as if ^{toward} ~~in~~ some eerie
confrontation with us. I ^{want} ~~wanted~~ them to seem
capable imminent movement and to hint at
the possibilities of spirit magic really felt here
~~at~~ in the remote back places deep in the woods of
East Texas.