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Dear Tom,

It makes me feel great to know that some of my poems occurred to you while writing the new book. Of course I'm in favor. If it comes to publication time, a correct thing to do (and your publisher would probably think of this) is to clear it through the Permissions Office of Harper & Row.

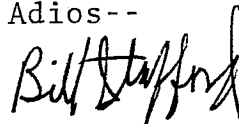
By the way, "A Walk in the Country" was on my mind recently when I was thinking of things I had written that carried for me an abiding impact.

Maybe Steven Hind carries something like what is in that poem. He seemed different to me when I saw him in El Dorado a year or so back (after our Topeka gathering this was).

Let's keep each other informed about any trajectories that might lead to a convergence. I'm ready for that. Next month I'll wave, by the way, as I overfly you, en route to a big circuit with stops in PA, NY, and Ohio. The Ohio one especially is luscious, a short residency with some of those apparently flourishing Ohio \$\$\$.

All the best from this exile.

Adios--



Wm Stafford