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Version I

Prothonotary Warbler

Clerk of May Court
singing ringing
yellow green
St. Francis image
as perch - why judge -
a niche in the wall
and the man made green ring
in his painting - grass
the sweet bird flew in
and the friend took it
to testify: (Willa)
"they know how to live"

Version II

Bird singing
ringing yellow
green
My friend made green
ring
- his painting -
grass
the sweet bird
flew in

I - fairly conscious. II is the one I'll probably keep as the one
sleeping under the other, in large part subconscious. I might
have laid an egg (I) too — ? — in any event the egg
out of the bird. In II the bird out of the egg and the
song before that and the color — —
— Louise

Cather (last two lines of I - you remember she said
that in Avignon they know how to live. (That was 1902 -
wonder what that place is now?)

Version III - this might be it -
or is it only forling around, a kind of
mother goose warbler?

Warbler

St. Francis' image

- no guimace -

looks down

past the nest in the niche
and the yellow green
round

It is right

to delight

in the ringing

ford-light

from the emerald
ground