

# Williams, The Corn Harvest

---

[english.emory.edu/classes/paintings&poems/harvest.html](http://english.emory.edu/classes/paintings&poems/harvest.html)

## The Corn Harvest

William Carlos Williams

Summer !  
the painting is  
organized  
about a young

reaper enjoying  
his  
noonday rest  
completely

relaxed  
from his morning  
labors  
sprawled

in fact sleeping  
unbuttoned  
on his back

the women  
have brought him  
his lunch  
perhaps

a spot of wine  
they gather  
gossiping  
under a tree

whose shade  
carelessly  
he does not share  
the

Pieter Brueghel, The Harvesters (1565)

Oil on canvas, approximately 46.5 inches x 64 inches.  
Metropolitan Museum, New York City.



resting  
center of  
their workaday  
world

See also:

| [Robert Foerster, "Brueghel's Harvesters"](#)

---

[Return to the Poem Index](#)