Peter Horn Parking lot

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two pied crows
fluttering against the wind
reading yesterdays papers
in the rain coming down
harsh voices in the silence of the wind
the scattered wings
flirting with the new moon
between the clouds,
and a hard rain begins to fall
now there is only one gull
sitting in the middle of the parking lot
waiting like she knew
something was going to happen