

**John Griffin**

## **PICASSO'S THREE DANCERS**

If these ladies dance  
out of the frame  
I shall depart, and they  
shall continue their  
angular grace alone.

No! If these ladies dance  
out of their frame  
I shall stay, shall stand  
so still I shall  
a chameleon be  
and seem a lamp post  
with ears and one green eye.

If any ladies dance out,  
out, out of the frame  
I shall pluck myself  
out from the cobbles  
and join in their  
rusted, inelegant,  
awkwardly happy  
dance.