

Problems With Hurricanes

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- 1 A campesino looked at the air
And told me:
With hurricanes it's not the wind
or the noise or the water.
I'll tell you he said:
it's the mangoes, avocados
Green plantains and bananas
flying into town like projectiles.
- 9 How would your family
feel if they had to tell
The generations that you
got killed by a flying
Banana?
- 14 Death by drowning has honour
if the wind picked you up
and slammed you
against a mountain boulder.
- This would not carry shame
But
to suffer a mango smashing
Your skull
or a plantain hitting your
Temple at 70 miles per hour
is the ultimate disgrace.
- 25 The campesino takes off his hat –
As a sign of respect
towards the fury of the wind
And says:
Don't worry about the noise
Don't worry about the water
Don't worry about the wind –
If you are going out,
beware of the mangoes
and all such beautiful
sweet things.

