

## *Motion*

# *A Matter of Form*

IF your car just disappears,  
As is more or less the norm,  
Save your anguish and your tears  
For the helpful theft claim form.

Insurers mitigate the blow  
When you're feeling all forlorn:  
Ask for things they need to know,  
Like the date when you were born.

They have your details. All the same,  
Interest which they now express  
Means your telling them your name  
And, alongside, your address.

What is more, you must not mar  
Their day by asking them to guess  
Who was last to use the car:  
What's your name, please, and address?

And now the car: it's owned by whom?  
They'll never know, of course, unless  
You notice that they've left you room  
For your name and your address.

And who's the keeper, please? they ask.  
Again, it's clear that you must stress,  
Warming somewhat to your task,  
Both your name and your address.

## *Motion*

By whom was vehicle last seen?  
That's straightforward, more or less.  
Simply tell them – don't be mean –  
Who you are, and your address.

Who reported this foul crime?  
Who said you were in a mess?  
Kindly write down, one more time,  
First your name, then your address.

If your spirits should descend,  
Don't be daunted: stay on track.  
By the time you've reached the end,  
You could find your car is back.

\*\*\*