

Ilias's Place

No. 1 has a large balcony overlooking

An empty lot. And one window

In the bedroom, like a home.

No. 3 has four teens and a balcony for one.

No. 2 has two wicker chairs and a white

Umbrella over the yellow table. Outside

The balcony, Grows

A fuchsia vine. Beyond are the white

Houses of Chora climbing the mountain

And snaring the sun.

This bold fuchsia in full flower, this vine

That climbs the balcony tempts

The timid lemon sparrows

Who sing me matins until I awake and flee

When I appear.