

OBJECTIVE CORRELATIVE

intellectually buffeted
with reference and cross-reference
and bombarded
by innumerable polysyllables
all of which
if only through my own inadequacy
left me extremely impressed
if somewhat, at an internal level
depressed

yet my primary concern
was not for tears eliot
but rather
whether or not
a bra was supporting her
and if she just might

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INELUCTABLE MODALITY

while the morning ground toward the afternoon
sitting at a droning voice
pausing undramatically
to dare not make an opinion
and i can instead sit
thinking not of ineluctable modality
or death's other kingdom
but instead of whether the
all-too-limited intelligence
is important or not
whether the solution to problems
lies between the ears
or between the thighs

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