

**POEMS THAT LOOK
JUST LIKE POEMS**

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THIRD HEAVEN

it is said that
the third heaven is all light

here though
toxins are profitable
by convenience
& a quickened pace

i am made
to feel important by
how busy i am

& in that heaven
the light holds still
moving at the speed of light

(5/5/14)

THE BOOK

odd the way the book itself
changes
changes direction
or its very nature

the boat
carries you across
& you leave
the boat behind

it is a costly
way
steady
in its ongoing difference

(5/20/14)

COLLECTIVE DREAM

until any sense
of a credible
collective
– a fair &
pleasing way
of sharing what
ever is feasible
here – when that
collective dream
has been so
discredited
we cease
to imagine it

(5/20/14)

AS IF

i begin
each day
(which is already
a false statement)
attending to my
study & the yard
the bird feeders
the weather
certain that this
simplified world
exceeds my under
standing of it
& so
that is how
& where
i begin
to write
words i re
turn to
as if
their appearance
were what i
was looking for

(5/20/14)

THAT BROUGHT US HERE

we are the ones
who tell good stories
smile receive accolades
for the comforts we provide

compare to a tree
a stone or any other
human life

what was it
that brought us
here & why do we
think
that our telling of it
should make sense

either you
do or do not
think the invisible
merits discussion

what's the path
way to & into
this page

do you need
to see it
written
down

(5/24/14)

VARIATIONS ON

we are each an
occurrence part
of an infinite
series &

in each moment
part
of an infinite series
there are things

& moments
we live among
& to know them

i am a thing
among things
similarly
arising & disappearing

part of an infinite
series
in my sing
ularity which is
so totally
common

(5/24/14)