

why poetry?  
why speak?  
why the prayer  
recited last night  
at dinner, by heart  
words I would have recited  
if I had taken time  
to give thanks  
to give poetry  
before the first  
morsel, bite  
before our daily  
bread

why the song  
I listened to? our  
five minutes of silence  
of respite, our  
escape hatch  
our idea, why poetry?  
why our intention  
our desire, that transition  
from here to  
there, to debate, to  
the bill, why poetry?  
why vision?  
why emotion?  
our individual human  
experience

to the next two years  
of poetry, of writing  
of sound and experience ...

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