

## Aberration

If there is such a thing as inassailable logic,  
Watson, like Socrates told his pedestrians, it's good  
to have it on your side. And if there is a true  
memory, Virginia, didn't he recommend  
that too? But then we all can recall a Greek  
or two who pointed out what seems to be true might be  
a dream or wish or undue influence or some  
other aberration from perfectly rational judgment.  
Aberration? Maybe. But maybe all truths are  
platonian: myth class category name  
noun number universal gestalt form  
ideal idea genus species after all?  
and logic no more in a manner of speaking  
than a teasing out of foregone conclusions  
from mutually agreeable propositions?  
But we were talking of rhetoric, not logic  
ethics or poetics weren't we, darling,  
agreeing that though rhetoric has a logic  
of its own, true logic (whatever  
that might mean), like true memory  
(whatever that might mean), is rare  
even among saints savants and sages  
while rhetoric abounds in this world  
we like to think is real, this one  
where we agree to talk with one another  
one on one trying to understand  
(whatever that might mean) what we say  
when we're saying it with one another.