

## **Monkey Business**

Love and cancer, two monkeys on my back.  
The second, presumably amoral, or if not,  
moral in some macrocosmic or twisted sense  
we won't begin to understand. The first,  
no less enigmatic in metaphysical terms,  
no less debilitating psychologically,  
than the second is physiologically:  
but moral to a fault — the noble ins and outs  
as likely to consume love's body as cancer  
the one of flesh, blood, bone and tears.