

## **Distanced From**

*It depends on the meaning  
of . . . is*

*- William Jefferson Clinton*

Distanced from  
sophisticates  
and instances  
of wit as well  
as grammar school  
class distinctions  
brought up though  
not exactly  
learned by rote

marooned again  
in the failing  
light of love  
brought into  
question again  
by consciousness of  
experience of  
our fatal sin-  
gularity

which is death  
again science  
faith and art  
acting up  
against the wall  
of meaningless  
fore(dis)closure  
futility of  
imagination

and hope except  
as pacifying  
placebo  
willpower  
an illusion  
or delusion  
when heart and brain  
molecules  
change by the second

promises prayers  
with no guarantee  
they can be kept  
in this world  
of non-inhalation  
hallucination  
motivational  
marketing  
disease

a cigar sometimes  
is just a cigar  
smoking in bed  
with the enemy  
thrown back  
on buzzwords  
proverbs sayings  
old wives tales  
fortune cookies

focus group  
revelations  
sound bite  
algorithms  
Nobody said  
it would be easy.  
It's all  
experimental.  
And then you die.