

Loneliness May Be Intensified

love as a principle of order
- Denis Donoghue

Loneliness may be intensified
by commitment he said to point of view:
the lexicon of vision, interpretation
of experience as silent relations,
lines of influence within a figure
up against the edge of human fact.

If our terms of life condemn us
to visual knowledge we are well-advised
he said to still our active ambition and hope
that the matter to be seen and known
will be dense enough to satisfy us
— this the only tolerable kind of silence.