

*Object/Lessons*

1.

If you think you love justice,  
poetry may only be  
a way of despairing.

2.

The man who shoots  
at another man has forgotten  
what the student who sits all day  
is trying to remember.

3.

The one who dies  
dies, of course, for all of us.  
That's the irony,  
because we're not all one,  
we don't even want to be.

4.

Some of us want death  
the way flies want rotten meat.

5.

Others, however hard  
it is to admit in a poem,  
need death, its implements,  
because, yes, they carry it  
in their bellies like sacks of pain.

6.

There's no way to turn off the darkness  
so we have to imagine light.