

## PROBLEM SOLVING

the salad is on one side of the river,  
still in the garden.  
the salad bowl is on the other,  
sitting beside the dressing on the table.  
we are in midstream in a small boat.

consider:  
we and the salad must not be in the boat together.  
the dressing is non-transportable.  
only a single crossing is possible.

moreover, the dog is in the water already,  
swimming strongly, the tow rope in his teeth,  
and the current carries us sideways,  
ignoring the green signal of the lettuce,  
the red of the tomatoes. now:

pick up your oars! in the next chapter  
we begin to deal in multiple unknowns.