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A leaf falls
and we remember the season

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Meaning builds an image

Creation is what things are
And what they are yet to be

In a love affair with forms
Life returns every secret anew

What we do is a ceremony

The infinitely near and the infinitely far
Share an appointment with reality.

There is a time in the making of a print
when it has to be shown to itself
for approval
of what it is becoming and final seal.

Frances on weather:
East and West do the changing
while North and South stand still.

Poetry and art build meaning
logic displays elegance
of structure

A ground glass is part of reality
why not dignify the means?

The non-thinking person comes home
to an empty house

A home is a house one can live in
a mandala is enchanted
by the difficulties
at the gates of the unknown

Art provides style for manners
what good is someone
who returns only at breeding time

From the slopes of Vesuvius
and Antiquities of Pompeii
to the discovery of Brasil
and landing at Hoboken
the confusion is mine

To take the acceptable to something better
takes unending patience.
Time is the Master of ideas.

The Middle Ages saw the Holy Land
as something between paradise
and the Garden of Eden
to be enshrined and raided in turn.

In Greek art, culture is the springboard
to philosophy in a structure as
intricate as a mosaic

Life thinks in measured cadences
everyone can be good
and art can be wise

The aptitude for a task
like the Sistine ceiling
is not acquired
it finds the man

Chance is still the best of ornaments
Leonardo speculated on reality
Michelangelo's art is a mystery play

When knowledge is the poem
and philosophy its master
nothing is unrelated

Perfection has its own problems
it takes some doing to adjust
to the verticality
displayed in a mirror

Art is not a perturbation in space
or a pattern on the loose
but an instrument of life in a prescription

Art is a star in an Earthly constellation
where ornaments know where to turn
art thinks in measured cadences
where anyone can be good
and art can be wise.

Houses of straw and buildings of gold
belong together in a social construct
that fails at ideals.

The dedicated deserve to be heard
time is at all times the master craftsman

There are probably other forms of life
watching in their mythology
carefully staying out of our way

Life is an experience not to be missed
what is even more important
is caring dedicated to someone

Nothing more awkward
than trying to get out of one's own way

In Leonardo's day culture set the tone of its times
and his work was dedicated to supporting
concordances in art and science.

The wise keep
their sanity handy

A gate may open to a door
followed by another gate
first things come first

To be precise means many things
slaves in revolt honor their masters
rising waters are the sources of the rain

Art is a star in an earthly constellation
where ornaments know where they are going

Tradition takes from the past
what manners give to the future

Poetry and art deal abstractly
within sources of style

Vigor and tact
are the balancing act
we put on the scales

The fight against government
is about continued access
to a giant asleep

Why visit metaphysics
when it is so unfair to reality

Life today is ahead of cultural needs
and we do not know what to think of manners

It could be worse,
in India the poor are so resigned to their poverty
that they pray to the Gods not to tinker with fate.

Spirit alive in the mirror
knows where to turn

To give to emptiness and space their proper place in the
panorama is the secret of landscape

The secret of Arizona
is emptiness display

Magic is the message
logic is the structure

I am interested in what is to be found in all things
the rest is also my concern

Life is bicameral
what we have is a social contract
that votes us into oblivion

Aurora and the rainbow
paint with mysteries
more secret than life

We are born with our needs
the rest are cultural accretions