

Passport not needed

When we're finished with words
we'll be fitted with microchips
under our skin with our d.o.b.
address, credit rating, voting habits
and God knows what.

Deeper under our skin, the first breath we took,
the beat of another's heart when we tasted milk,
the first astonishing kiss,
the first time we opened to a lover,
were gifted that ordinary miracle, a child,

the first time we reached the mountain top,
dived down to coral, knelt at the altar,
gave our selves to Housman, Brubeck, Matisse,

the first time someone we loved
dropped out of our lives and into the dark
and God knows what.