

## *I am Afraid to Write*

*I am afraid to write.*

*I am afraid.*

*I fear that collecting, organizing,  
And presenting my thoughts is too daunting.*

*I fear exposing myself to unwanted criticism.*

*I fear my own criticism.*

*I fear that my voice will not be compelling.*

*I worry about cadence.*

*I worry about flow.*

*I worry about arrangement and tone.*

*I worry about the subjective reader.*

*I fear being wrong.*

*I fear being right!*

*I fear making hard stances*

*Which fail under broader systems of thought.*

*I fear I have no business writing at all.*

*Who granted me the authority?*

*What school, institution, agency?*

*Might I tell myself that my opinion matters*

*And believe it?*

*Aren't we all competing in the economy of attention?*

*I fear my prose will not compare to Proust's  
(a rather droll thought to entertain).*

*I fear that the landing place of my philosophy  
will lack Kant's logical rigor.*

*I fear that I will never make anything of writing.*

*I fear nothing I write will inspire in the way that writers  
(too many to mention) have inspired me.*

*I worry about conveying ideas simply.*

*I worry about omitting alternate points of view.*

*I worry about organizational and structural points.*

*I worry about restating something that has already been  
stated succinctly by someone else.*

*I fear conflict.*

*I fear resolution.*

*I fear my experience and my inexperience.*

*I desperately fear being drab.*

*I am afraid to tell stories.*

*I am afraid not to tell them.*

*I am afraid for every reason imaginable.*

*I am afraid for no good reason at all.*