MRI of a Poet’s Brain
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In this image
of your brain
I see each curve
in the corpus callosum,
curlicues of gyri,
folding of fissures,
sinuous sulci,
mammillary bodies,
arculate fasciculus,
angular gyrus,
tracts and nuclei,
BOLD blood flow,
eyes and ears,
tongue and pharynx—
but not a single
syllable of
one
tiny
poem.

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