

WRITING

WRITING, I'M WRITING.
NOW I'M THINKING WHAT TO WRITE.
NOW I'M WRITING WHAT I THOUGHT.
NO, I'M TYPING NOT WRITING.
THINKING WHAT LETTERS TO PRESS,
TO MAKE THESE WORDS APPEAR.
REMEMBERING WHAT I THOUGHT TO WRITE,
AND POKING THE KEYS ACCORDINGLY.
SPEAKING TO MYSELF AS I'M WRITING.
CONSCIOUS OF MY VOICE AND THE MOVEMENT OF MY FINGER.
THINKING OF THE ACTION AND THE RESULT.
THE PROCESS.
NOTHING TO WRITE ABOUT BUT THE EVENT OF WRITING.
STOPPING AT THE END OF EACH SENTENCE.
CORRECTING ANY MISTAKES,
AND THINKING OF THE NEXT LINE.
RE-LIGHTING MY CIGARETTE.
REREADING THE PREVIOUS LINE AGAIN.
SURVEYING THE ABOVE.
PROCEEDING ON THE PRESENT.
NOT KNOWING WHAT THE NEXT LINE WILL BE.
WRITING THEN CHANGING MY MIND AND CANCELLING.
STARTING ANOTHER LINE,
UNDERNEATH.
A VISUAL PRODUCTION.
THINKING OF THE WORDS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES.
ABOUT HALF DONE,
ABOUT HALF TO DO.
READING EVERYTHING FROM THE TOP,
AND ADDING REREADING EVERYTHING ETC.
ACUTELY AWARE OF THE FUTILITY OF THE EXERCISE.
CARRYING ON REGARDLESS.
PRODUCING SOMETHING,
NO MATTER WHAT.
STARING AT THE COMPUTER KEYBOARD.
FEELING THE LETTERS AS I PRESS THEM.
ONE FINGERED WRITING.
ABOUNDING IN ERRORS.
ALL CORRECTED.
(I THINK).
THE SHAPE OF THE WORDS GRADUALLY DEFINING THEMSELVES.
SOME LONG LINES,
SOME SHORT LINES.
KNOWING WHERE THE END IS.
SEEING IT.
WRITING TOWARDS A CONCLUSION.
PERHAPS THE WRONG WORD.
NEVER MIND.
THREE LINES LEFT TO WRITE.
NOW ONLY THINKING OF ENDING.
THE PENULTIMATE LINE COMPLETED.
THE LAST LINE BEGUN AND FINISHED.