

## PERSON-CENTERED HAIKU

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for once--  
just to be a bastard--  
not to feel the need to be pleasant

ten years of approval  
does not  
make an insecure person secure

explaining the self--  
everything understood  
nothing comprehended

wishing to be seen as a person  
before being classed  
as a role

a prisoner in objective space  
may be free  
in subjective space

familiar with the disease  
unfamiliar with  
the real live person

when someone tells me  
to lighten up  
i am more apt to tighten up

when somebody tells me  
they know exactly how I feel  
i feel worse

hearing someone's story  
is more important  
than granting their request

the more I am craving understanding  
the worse  
i am understood

the journey  
from seeking your thoughts in others  
to having your own thoughts

confirmation  
is an inferior notion  
to affirmation

when my story  
is heard by another  
it becomes a new story

security declines  
as security machinery  
expands

the unlikeliest places--  
likelier than  
those that are likeliest

struggling to be seen  
as he believes  
the audience expects him to be

the search for the truth may be  
impeded by  
the finding of the truth

he who lives  
for other's warranty  
will never know tranquillity

it is better to know  
some of the questions  
than all of the answers

understanding everything too soon  
therefore  
understanding nothing

the common house-fly  
is most secure  
when it lands on the fly swatter

trying too hard  
to get understanding  
preventing understanding

the search for  
a conflict-free existence is  
the chief source of conflict

when the answer is found  
it looks like it was  
obvious from the start

an analysis  
of paint scrapings  
says nothing about the painting

the endless loop--  
why because why because  
why because why because why

there's a difference  
between an open mind  
and a hole in the head

it is impossible to look  
non-committally  
at commitment

he that would please all  
and himself too  
undertakes what he cannot do

the zebra  
while learning to walk like a giraffe  
forgot its own gait

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