

Ars Poetica | Poetry Out Loud

A poem should be palpable and mute
As a globed fruit,

Dumb
As old medallions to the thumb,

Silent as the sleeve-worn stone
Of casement ledges where the moss has
grown—

A poem should be wordless
As the flight of birds.

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A poem should be motionless in time
As the moon climbs,

Leaving, as the moon releases
Twig by twig the night-entangled trees,

Leaving, as the moon behind the winter
leaves,
Memory by memory the mind—

A poem should be motionless in time
As the moon climbs.

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A poem should be equal to:
Not true.

For all the history of grief
An empty doorway and a maple leaf.



For love
The leaning grasses and two lights above
the sea—

A poem should not mean
But be.

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