

## A Word If You Will

### Description



Will a word change your thought?  
Or will it float down the stream—a dream till nought?

Of one word you feel assured.

You have it stay.  
Another seems absurd;  
You make it go.  
But sorting words this way  
can't bring you to know.

What should one ask of a saying?  
"Can I keep it while straying?"  
...some wonder  
"Must I be paying?!"  
...some thunder  
"Will it help my displaying?"  
...what blunder

Weighing each word against your image of you  
is seeing blurred with but a thin edge in view.

That mental selfie doesn't render you wealthy.  
Let it be altered—else you'll have faltered.

Wouldn't the version of you that's better  
be a self-forgetful truth-treader?  
No longer inconvincible,  
a believer to principle,  
you'll ask of each saying, "Is it true?"  
not if it touches your portrait of you.

With this way of sorting sayings,  
you'll be done with strayings, displayings  
delayings, and betrayings.  
By what's true you'll be made new.  
True words with their true weight will wall your thoughts.  
These, in turn, will reveal your oughts.

Now, will you let a word change your habit of thought?  
How about this word? Grab it! Why not?

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