



Embryonic

I want him to be nudged
 by the Creator,
 just a little
 to the
 left,
 out of step
 with his brethren,
 just a little
 more

self-conscious.

Natural Selection

"of the right or the wrong
 we are Möbius strips

floating in some medium
 we know not what.

We are utterly exposed
 (we are constantly afraid:

we cannot hide,
 we cannot judge:

we are utterly exposed
 but we are the judge;

of what we make of us
 (of what must be said,

of what must be done
 we are the judge."

Fossil Hunting

This was paradise—
 a land full of snakes—

—constant companions—
 but a workable symbiosis

(a soft,
 self-conscious fear)

beyond the next step a pelecypod

a brachiopod

the unbroken calyx
 of a crinoid