

Metronome

Clean unlined slice of paper

Cuts like a dull knife

So many words expressions phrases in the English language

Make it hard to be original

Hearing nothing but the moisture evaporating on the maple leaves outside

Feeling the history of the cedar walls into the room

Soft breathing

A thud from upstairs

Soft chirping of hungry crickets

Echoing voices

A doe rustles through a yard

Smooth cool scent of roasting coffee.

Following the trail of a crack in the plaster

A leaf falls from a birch

A caterpillar takes a slow deliberate journey across a doorstep.

An osprey swoops in to bathe in the pool.

Humans begin to shuffle uncomfortably

Oh my look at the time

Where's my iPhone

Where's my charger

Is my friend in Italy having fun?

Should I buy my niece that iWatch

Did I RSVP to the wedding

Why the compulsion to produce, to outdo, to strive harder than yesterday?

The turkeys and cows and moose and eagles don't measure

Seconds

Minutes

Hours

Weeks

Months

Years
Decades
Centuries

If only humans could follow form.