

WAYS WITH WORDS

A waterfall
is water
falling on itself.

A rainbow
is a multicolored bow
cast through the rain.

A sawhorse
is not a horse,
but an apparatus
for dividing wood.

A tree
is a tree.
It is peace.

A school bus
is a large machine
for transporting children
to well-intended
confinement.

A horse race
is a hominid
fantasy.

An engagement
is an IOU on
eternal psychic bondage.

A concept
is not a concept,
but a word
in royal robes.

A shipwreck
is the telos
of Odysseus's vessel.

A tree branch
is an arm extended
as a gesture of peace.

A generalization
is an aid for dealing
with particulars,
or else fuel for flames.

A friendship
is not a vessel,
but a precious
weaving of threads
through time.

A footbridge
is a floating path
for ten toes
to conquer a gap.

Love
is the one thing
that doesn't care
if it's real.

A poem
is whatever
you want it to be.