

## **For the Dissertation Defense**

What is the myth in passing?  
I have engaged the participants, the setting

I have dissected and stitched my research questions  
Like a surgeon at surgery

I have married my research process  
In the cathedral of observation, evidence, patterns,  
Assertions, conclusions  
“Lit Review” hindsight guides next question.

I asked the right questions  
Got my answers.  
Tentative, but done.

So,  
Examiner, I can pass you  
Not you me

You say one more definition  
I say no  
I respect parsimony

You will not endorse

We must be creating  
Not duplicating knowledge:  
The source of your discomfort.  
In this quest, the longer you go the less you know.

Proposed solution  
You teach me  
You pass me.

*(Lexington, Dec. 18, 03)*