

On Learning to Draw

To self:

It is hard to let a drawing be a drawing
It is hard to not want it to be more
to step off of the page and out of your head.
Don't let that happen.

Draw. Because that is all you have space for.
Let it be a beginning. Let it be a beginning
and let that be ok. You may not reach its end.
It is on the page. Let that be its home.

The beginning is the only place to start.
Each drawing can end here. But you might learn,
that it will not. It will grow and deepen and remain flat.
Let that be. And do not say no.

Use a pencil and a square and
do not use scissors, glue or knife. You are drawing.
You are learning to draw.
Watch the page and learn from its flatness
make it fold. Keep it flat.

Begin here. Begin to break it down.
Find the questions first, find the questions first.
Relax your neck. Your hands, relax.
Your eyes in your skull, relax.