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Poetry

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mathematical research and opened up so many new and exciting areas for me to explore. He always worked hard to help me, and as a result, he also demanded and expected a lot. I am very grateful for that because I have been able to accomplish more than I ever imagined.

Although he was demanding, he was so in quite a cheerful way that never discouraged me. I never found it hard to get excited over the work I was doing with him because his enthusiasm and energy were contagious!

I did have my moments of frustration with my research—when I was “stuck” and did not know where to go next. After research sessions with him, my questions were answered, and I felt confident I could do anything once again.

Although he often pushed me hard, he also understood my difficulties, not only with my research project but with my other school work as well. He always asked me how my other classes and activities were going and listened to me while I talked about them. When I needed extra time to work on my other classes, he gave me time off from research.

He became not only my mentor, but my friend also. He readily offered advice when I needed it, whether it was for research, classes, summer work opportunities, or graduate school. He was one of the few professors I knew who truly cared about his students. He certainly took very good care of me.

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Mathematizing

Mathematics begins
Upon a denominative
Foundation,
Where the forleading nonverbal
Is in place,
And when a verbal undifferencing
Is eliminative,
Then the symbolic shift
Does take.

—1993

Mentalism

Spiral of the belike,
Hoping of a like to be at the spiral center
Where the avoidant dislike is the reality principle
And is typically assumed to be from outside,
But where a dislike might, too, be about the center;
And there is the reality within,
And of that spiral wish,
When the dislike, he or she might convert it,
At least., as the spiral, into the neither like nor dislike

—1983

Psychosis

Nooscopic unrelatedness
Can drive the human intelligence of an incognizable numinosity
Thenceforward, to the equations of the sphere,
Whilst this exceeding positive transposition
Can also beget, through the unconscious, an incipient eidetic
That splits the personal
And abets an insurgence of psychical energies
Unto the hallucinatory,
That is seeming or chaotic.

—1987

nooscopic: pertaining to the examination of the mind

Noesis

Emication of thought is not love,
Because it has no exteriority;
Yet whatever is muted willfully
Has a countenance;
Nay, the autoptic [] relativistic range of things
Can be a beauteous species,
If thought can be transmuted,
Even as in a mirror,
By law, or homologically into strings

emication: a sparking; a springing forth
autoptic: relating to or based on personal observation

The lacona in the fifth line arises out of Wittgenstein's private language argument. I am informed that there is a connection between superstring theory and homology theory.

—1987