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## DOUBLE DOWN

I try to make a poem in order to be smart  
about the way one dog walked  
when he wanted to run around.

Look at my dead dog now!

Demonstrated in the slant flight of a seaplane in the sky  
where someone is devoting himself  
to a direction I recognize.

Smudge of a dog, up and to the west, I try.

Looking to the left while I'm walking  
to the right, I move  
en masse, as if stuck on a raft  
with my enemies.

It gets so awkward inside of me. Look:  
now I'm out back, berating the garden.

My umbrella isn't in case but the cause of the worst  
rain coming down.

My soul is shaped like a shovel buried in the ground.