

# No Ideas but in Things?

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## 1

Forgive the doctor  
his hypocrisy -  
that great abstraction  
in defense of concrete  
stops us all  
from singing  
tedium to ourselves.

## 2

Ideas, too, are things-  
less palpable than plums,  
perhaps, but with a longer shelf-life  
and, when eaten, they  
won't leave you disappointed  
come morning  
and breakfast time.

