

No Ideas but in Things?

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

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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.

