

## **In Class**

I try to be nicer  
to fat than to fit,  
favor plain over  
classically cute.

Not that pretty  
will always be  
a plus to them,  
or ugly a curse;

but the power  
of what they wield  
or endure in this way  
will never be as great

as in high school.  
Why else would  
we teach them  
to sigh before art

that defines itself as beauty  
if this didn't say something  
about how we long  
to purify the world?