they’re coming to get me
arrest jail horrible
problem something

stupid decades
ago a legal mistake I
won’t be coming back
to the house that key
is on the shelf in the

please try to forgive
almost thirty years you in your
house I in mine every week
end here or there there was
no question only whether here
or there there was no question
that September morning you drove
into your driveway at 7:30 just

as I was fetching the papers, drove
from the wrong direction, I thought

and later that day would think
you might have been seeking a place—

but you really went to the gym
that morning, at 6:19, the woman

said, *Such a gentle man*, everyone
said, you went to the gym

each day, taking care of yourself,
1,245 times, the woman told me
can walk you there, glasses
folded and left in your car
your blue striped shirt, shorts, your

can walk you there or almost
there but cannot

cannot cannot please
don’t go please
where did you drive
    how far, how long

did you drive past your house
    where I wasn’t then was

did music play that long afternoon
    the Handel you loved

how long did you sit in your car before
    the shift to park, the key