

*August 25, 2016*

*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,  
1,243 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