

One Art

1. Interval Of Time
2. Adjective
3. Noun
4. Noun

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The art of losing isn't hard to master;

so many things seem filled with the intent

to be lost that their loss is no disaster.

Lose something every Interval of time. Accept the fluster

of lost Adjective Noun the hour badly spent.

The art of losing isn't hard to master.

Then practice losing farther, losing faster:

places,

and names, and where it was you meant

to travel. None of these will bring disaster.

I lost my mother's Noun. And look! my last, or

next-to-last, of three loved houses went.

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I lost two cities, lovely ones. And, vaster,

some realms I owned, two rivers, a continent.

I miss them, but it wasn't a disaster.

--Even losing you (the joking voice, a gesture

I love) I shan't have lied. It's evident

the art of losing's not too hard to master

though it may look like (Write it!) like disaster.