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| “Weighing the Dog”by Billy Collins | Devices for Imitation: **analogy,**  |
| It is awkward for me and bewildering for himas I hold him in my arms in the small bathroom,balancing our weight on the shaky blue scale,but this is the way to weigh a dog and easierthan training him to sit obediently on one spotwith his tongue out, waiting for the cookie.With pencil and paper I subtract my weightfrom our total to find out the remainder that is his,and I start to wonder if there is an analogy here.It could not have to do with my leaving youthough I never figured out what you amounted tountil I subtracted myself from our combination.You held me in your arms more than I held youthrough all those awkward and bewildering monthsand now we are both lost in strange and distant neighborhoods. |   |