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| “Weighing the Dog”by Billy Collins | Devices for Imitation: **analogy,** |
| It is awkward for me and bewildering for him as 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 easier than training him to sit obediently on one spot with his tongue out, waiting for the cookie.  With pencil and paper I subtract my weight from 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 you though I never figured out what you amounted to until I subtracted myself from our combination.  You held me in your arms more than I held you through all those awkward and bewildering months and now we are both lost in strange and distant neighborhoods. |  |