

[application]  
transport

Everywhere fill-in-the-blank  
petitions full of expected data-  
bank designations both words &  
numbers—date of birth height  
gender citizenship—all of it  
folded into little boxes for job  
apartment loan visa only the  
smallest spaces [as usual] not  
quite enough for your favorite  
color your grandmother's  
raspberries or where your mother  
kept her cigarettes. No  
confessional nor the clouds  
you especially loved when you  
were nine. All data flash-fed into  
squares even your face bright  
little blur almost unrecognizable  
closes & opens new countries as  
you fold into your seat on the  
train cross borders stamped  
admitted & welcomed at last  
into a final box even this one a  
bad fit & where will it go in this  
borrowed country mahogany or  
cedar with polished brass &  
lined with satin sliding into  
earth.