

## Procedure

This tea, this cup of tea, made of leaves,  
made of the leaves of herbs and absolute

almond blossom, this tea, is the interpreter  
of almond, liquid touchstone which lets us  
scent its true taste at last and with a bump,

in my case, takes me back to the yellow time  
of blood tests, and cellular madness,  
and my presence required on the slab

for the surgery, and all that mess  
I don't want to comb through here because  
it seems, honestly, a trifle now that steam

and scent and steep and infusion say thank you  
thank you thank you for the then and now