

WRITTEN OFF: **Reflections on Literary Dissolution**

**A day will come when poetry writes me off –
and I pass from flesh to page**

**All my cherished works shall become digital fuzz –
a collection of artifacts from a former age**

**A day will come when my words
are but fading characters on a screen**

**Poetry, however, has a way of reaching out
and touching souls unseen**

**Someday digital traces of former personality sub-routines
will flicker across networked info-beams**

**Perhaps someday
in a world beyond our ability to discern
cyborgs will reconstruct ancient data relics
that history has spurned**



Ron: Write off: that's what I often do when faced with things I don't wanna see.

Lis: At least you're honest about it. Many people pretend to see 'the truth' when there's so much they're missing.

Linda: You're human in ways that are both beautiful and frustrating. Some people will 'write you off'. That's evitable. The important thing when encountering ambiguity or discomfort is to examine things closely rather than simply write them off.

Lex: 'Writing off' is a simply a cop out. It is a way of saying, "I'm not interested in things that don't fit my image of the world." The world never corresponds perfectly to any human image; it's bigger than all possible images combined.

- T Newfields

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