

## Aidan Coleman

## Encarta

Who, over distance, can outrun

a library? Germans clambering

over ruins
like *Indiana Jones*.

The years you save buy nothing –

listlessly shopping through night,

while others try on postures.

At the seminar for jobs

that don't yet exist, the clip they play

embroidered in brutal

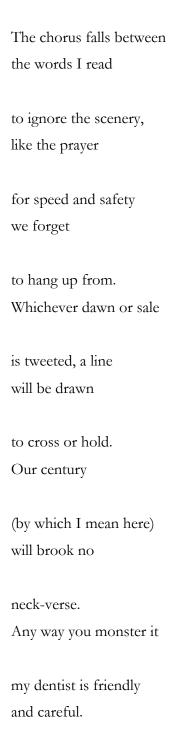
statistics.

Peace is a word

you could ride to tenure,

but who would own this quiet?

## Moderate



## Logos, as in Brands

You catch yourself in the cast of *The Thinker*, bored

on the cover of *Why?*Better aboard a yacht charting

unaudited waters. Beauty is fleeting but dumb

forever, coached Judge Judy, but still the tissues show

the stupid faces of princesses. For bad behaviour that year

I got one encyclopaedia. I think it was F or U.