

## *Wind*

This clean October wind  
has harried all my day with its agnosticism,  
snatching up my year-won *per se notum*  
truths  
and flinging them high over the world's  
worn edge  
with an existential, ultimate claw.

There is no syllogism for this wind:  
wild, wild, it knows no form.  
Hamper it if you can with but and there-  
fore,  
then out into it  
and set your face against its stinging hand  
let your heart billow in the sensate blast  
and see how it laughs your major to sense-  
less syllables  
and lashes you bent with its *solvitur*  
*ambulando*.

No form, no matter,  
nor mind-informed reality this wind  
that blows the long grass and bends the  
stolid mind  
refuting all with its quintessential *est*.

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*It is not too late to recapture the innumerable benefits provided by a fixed monetary standard.*

## *The Gold Standard and Its Significance*

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### *An instrumentality of human freedom*

OF ALL INSTITUTIONS, the gold standard apparently occupies a paramount position as an instrumentality of human freedom, private property, private enterprise, and responsible government.

The nature of the gold standard should reveal something as to why it is a necessary and natural companion of human freedom. By definition, a gold standard involves a fixed standard monetary unit composed of gold of specified weight and fineness; free coinage of standard gold; free exchange of standard gold bullion and standard gold coin; redeemability or convertibility of non-gold currency (money and bank deposits) into standard gold coin at the parity rate; freedom of movement of gold coin and bullion into and out of the country.

After specifying the standard gold unit and providing for the free coinage of the various denominations of coin designed to serve the convenience of the people, the government is forced to stand aside and let the gold standard perform its functions in accordance with the desires of the people. The right of private property in gold is established and respected. The government cannot interfere with hoarding, importing, or exporting of gold, or with redemption of non-gold currency into standard gold coin or bullion. An individual may put none, little, much, or all of his property into gold. He may convert his non-gold property into gold and ship it out of the country without hindrance by his government. He may mine gold and export it to any country of his choice.

If a person, living under the degree of