

Themes + Issues

Sources

Sonnet as form; ars poetica

wit

poems of wit; observation as performance; performative power of language

style

style; semantics of rarity; syntactical difficulty

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lyric & exposed; memory, illness, family + friends

grace

Poems of grace + harmony in pessimistic, death-oriented context; idealized love, atmosphere

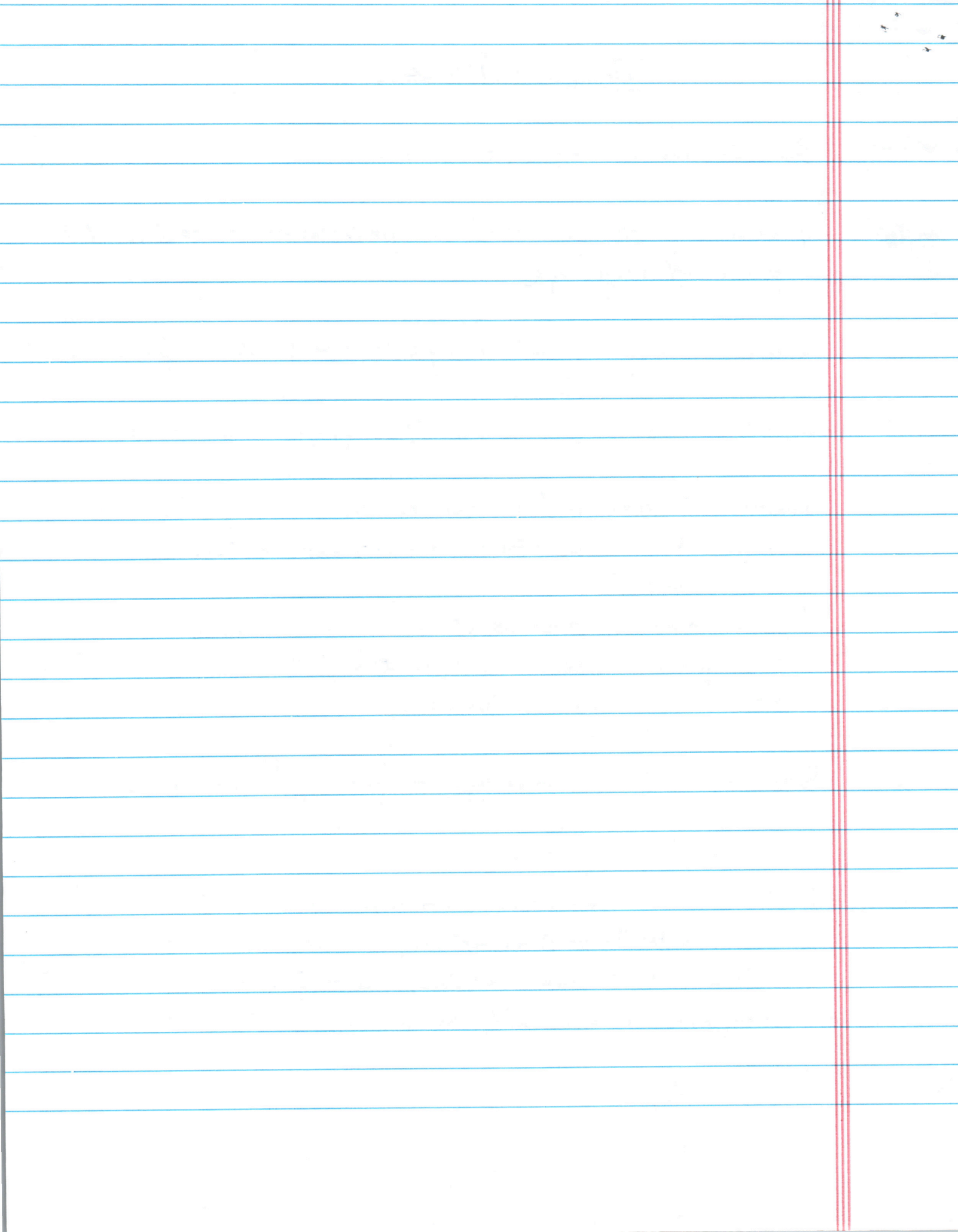
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Life-narratives: poetics of story fragments, missing background + present incident - poetic reversals + binary terms

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Death as closure/ending + ^{the} gothic, ^{the} melodramatic

Despite sonnet avocation, Petrarch's idea of performance + wit - the quick wit, "memory's monument," the fragment for the whole - did not want to tell whole saga - temperament suited to witty ingrown + moving on - w/o responsibility for mechanics, cycles, carousals, etc.



wit

story

dramatic monologue

romantic/lyric/nature

impressionistic mood setting

pointe, waneut, fragment

urbane intelligence, observer of world

sonnet as performance, as dare-

autobiog reflection, memory

lyric &

dreaminess + reflection as origins of poetry

Death as ending/closure

{Europe, etc., i.e. history as rare occurrences
as poetic poems-

sudden reversals, no room for process

The sensibility that catches the suffering of other man
gothic, melodramatic, violent

figural, troped language

↳ semantic choice, difficulty, syntax

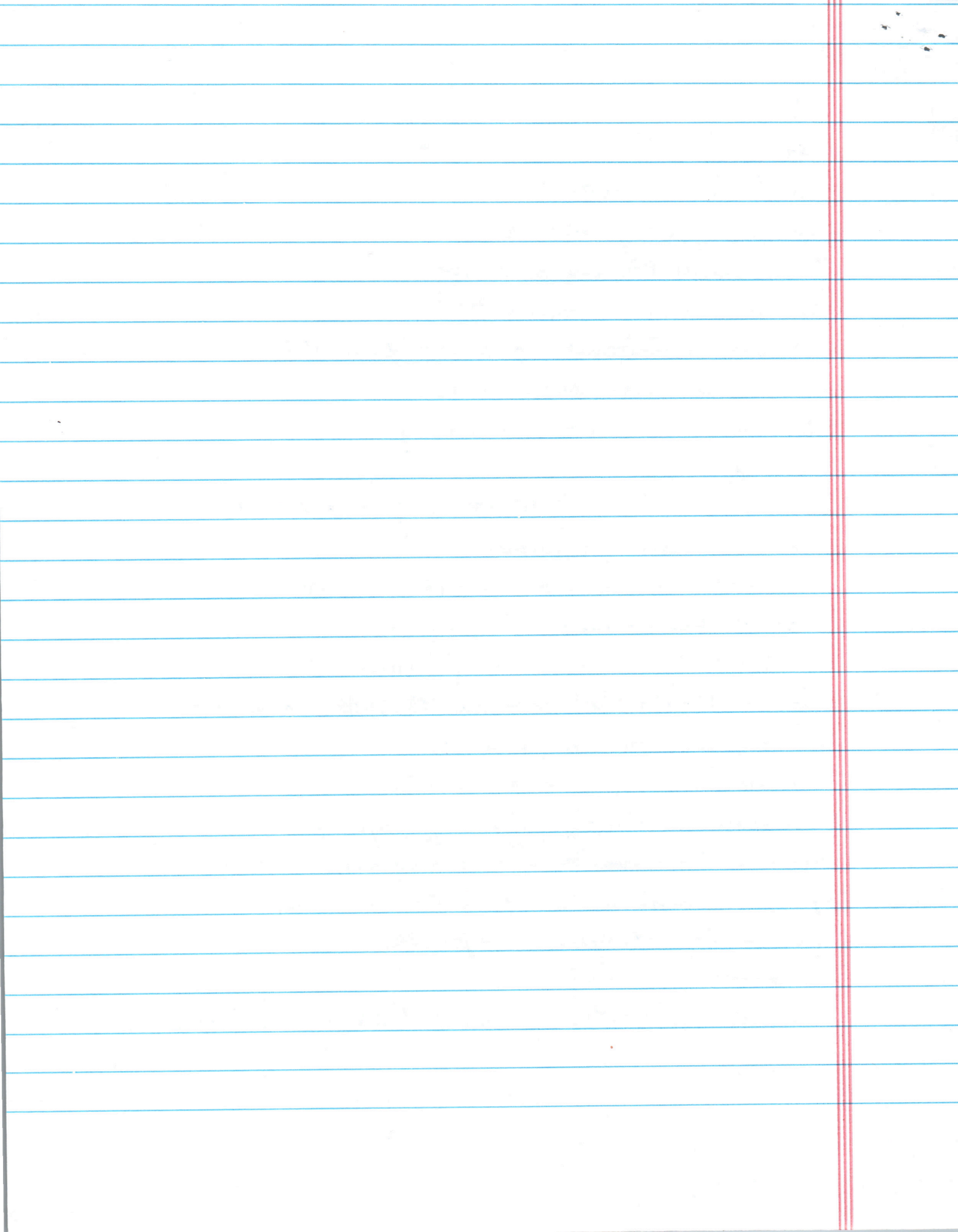
binary imagination - two contrasting terms

presence/absence of friends & family

moments of grace + reprieve

wisdom poems?

death + illness: valedictory poems, their intensity + rel. simplicity



Outline

F's early death or even

Impact as educator, early life
as figure <sup>song
story</sup>

The poetry as late fruit, as revelation

Choice of the sonnet as form

performative poems

The corpus: theme + stylistic features <sup>→ spectrum from lyric to
diff.</sup>
corpus under the sign of death <sup>-unpolitical
Jewish, etc.</sup>

poems of reprieve, grace

* Source of observer, story teller, wisdom anecdote

Narrative + its problems - E. A. Robinson ^{event + process}

condensation, fragment, point/closure

binary vision -

* 5c

