

ACADEMIA

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One of the words I like
is porphyry
found in a groundmass
of purple and red.

Another word that means
even more for me,
is vers de societe,
for the very well bred.

There are words like fecundate
and quotes by Plato,
others are second rate
and only berate

oh, what am I saying,
it's hard to be clever,
some will lead to abecedarian,
understanding; never, never.

I could mention Peleus
and Wittgenstein too,
a god and philosopher
mixed in a stew.

An English teacher
might think it serious
and give me an A
right off the bat,

but my friends,
delirious
would giggle,
magnificat.