

I'll pass

The obvious lines were —
well, just all too obvious,
and did not grab me
sparked nothing but a sigh.
Love? Our children? Pets? Memories?
Petty theft? Ah, now there's a thought:
A petty theft by a homeless woman,
and charity from those
who spot her desperate act
and let her go with her loot
and their best wishes
(and quiet, un-shed tears)?
Er, no. Corny, hackneyed, phoney
bleeding heart stuff ain't my style.
As for wide-eyed, cute
and forlorn puppies
abandoned in a city pound,
and their insistent, yelping pleas
for family? Give me a break!
So, I'll pass, admit that this one's
got me beaten.
Taken? Sad to say
but sorry I'm not moved.

except to sneers and threadbare cynicism
and that's not what we want, now, is it?