

Relocation learning curves

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The small bright squares of face instead of chairs  
encircling their ideas in classrooms  
we once inhabited, our bodies there  
attached to mind and chalk. But now there's Zoom

shrinking the snores or grins to sticker-size—  
“thumbs-up,” “applause,” the new epiphany.  
And yet, within this safest compromise,  
ideas ricochet, insights split sky;

tech heavens open, knowledge tumbles in.  
The space has changed; the will to learn remains.  
Welcome young Angelous and Ellisons,  
Baldwins, Alexies, Frosts, Poes, Plaths, and Cranes.

Unblocked by time—or place—words still push through  
to break these cyber walls, restore the view.