News Flow

The principle is simple:
one thing leads to another
direct flow of facts A to Z
this source that place those notes
checked and confirmed, imperative
of the next and it begins again.

The gadgets reassure
all is right with the world
when the satellite sends
words from here to forever
the underground lines
transmit nothing but the truth.

But what of the missed cue
a look away a blank thought
garbage in garbage out
the poor choice the daydream
that unravels the day and
leads to nowhere nights?

Wrong place at the wrong time
this truth and not that one
the hand that shakes under
the desk the thinnest veneer
of understanding by those
who give and those who receive.

Let it go: it goes its own way
passing this on passing that off.