

## Marathon

not really a “race”  
I had not trained hard enough  
and I lacked talent

four slow hours and change  
hit the wall at mile twenty  
just as predicted

Woodstock 5-K “race”  
one last dash for the daisies  
finished next-to-last

“I might try again”  
never got a round tuit  
goals without plans fail

sour grapes suit my taste:  
winning is overrated  
life is not a race



Newport, Rhode Island, November 4, 1979  
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