

## My Schizoid Compromise\*

A preamble

how close do I come,  
daring to let you see me  
—real me, warts and all?

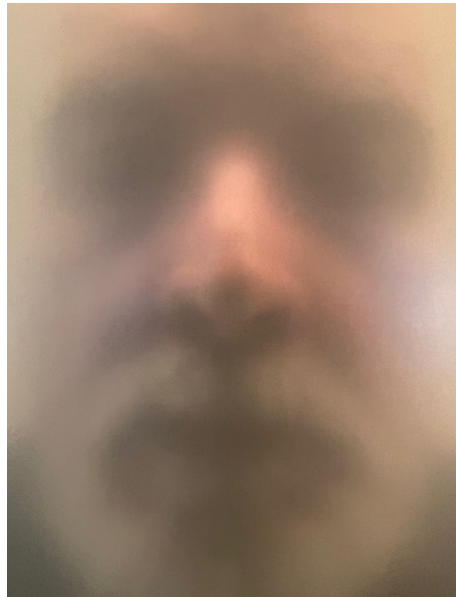
and, how far away  
do I stay hidden from you,  
safe from your arrows?

writing this memoir,  
now shared on the world wide web,  
reveals my answer

browsing these snippets,  
you may peer into my self  
through frosted windows

I'm only human,  
managing my boundaries,  
just like you, my friend

\* A term from object relations theory, developed by psychoanalyst Melanie Klein



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