

## **JOHN'S FATHER RUINS EVERYTHING**

My dad ruins everything  
at a joke, he'll laugh obnoxiously loud  
and yell HOMOPHONIC POLYSEMY  
and ten minutes into a film it's  
PLOT POINT ONE

one can't even watch a presidential debate without  
a flurry of PIVOT and LEAP and  
FALSE DICHOTOMY with the constant  
interjection of AXIOM after every  
declarative statement

not even music escapes his scorn

and all over his store-bought novels  
he's inked and underlined circled and margined  
NARRATIVE TENSION and  
SYMPATHETIC PROTAGONIST  
and most bizarrely  
METAPHOR-METAWHORE

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