

My Right

Some say the body's right
is masculine
left feminine
upper spiritual
lower material

I'm a white, heterosexual male
if Jews count
and my body's right
is compromised

Early on, I could raise my left eyebrow
Still, after many years and much effort
I can't raise my right without scrunching down my left

I can nicely sneer
raising my left upper lip
I can raise my right just enough
to be laughable

My right ear is larger, lower
and less well formed
and my torso is 'S' shaped
and leans to the left

In my early years
my masculinity was viciously attacked
disparaged, shamed and mortified
with sickening regularity
at the dawn of manhood
ravaged by cancer, operations and chemo
my maturation curtailed
my fertility expunged
Might this be germane?

There's nothing
to be done about it
I will so go
to my grave

my right
not mine