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A PRIVATE PERSON

My mind is analytical
and my thoughts are clear,
but only on paper.
I do not speak well,
especially in public.
When presenting an argument
I mingle grunts and silences
like a tired lover
or a punch-drunk boxer.

I have definite beliefs
about political action,
but seldom express them
and then only in private.
I am too easy going.
Instead of taking part
I drift through the landscape
like a Zen monk
or a renegade donkey.

-- Raymond Tong