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**Et Nova et Vetera**  
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Undergraduate, so much was new then.

How Sophocles and Aeschylus, anew  
told old stories in a fixed form, spoke  
raw emotion in hexameters  
iambic with six feet and a caesura  
and a plot already known.

College living in old forms  
my new life inchoate still.  
Discovering  
Hopkins with new syntax  
forcing movement  
into language  
in sonnet form.

Speaking love poetry  
to a girl  
in parallelismus membrorum  
on a couch in Caufield.

Old, very old in new place  
how new I was!