

going strong

anyone else
having lived my life
would have died many times

jail sickness and loss
and again and again
and one more on top
fall rise and fall – on the long run
no horse could endure

still my head is up there
unashamed of my shame
the fire to harden me
could not make me hard

good: obstinacy
eccentric, and crazy
not taking advice,
not taking no for an answer
without that, love
for long I'd have lost
better obstinate
than subjected

'cos only who gives himself fully
cannot be taken away
ha! am I not
rich?