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Art of Reading
Final Project
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In response to Rebecca Horn's "Flying Books Under Black Rain," I chose to imitate her work by creating an opposite project. Rather than combining art and text by using textual media to create artwork, I chose to create a text using words that represent artistic media. To do this, I wrote the following poem entitled "Painting with Words."

Painting with Words

acrylic on canvas
or oil, or maybe just words, or a story, or someone's life,
or
meaning

large (up close)
small – if you're far enough away
scary parts in red
happy parts in green
blue for the sad parts
and
all the bad parts
are gray

to see it is to read it
but how do you see what you've read
can you connect
your eyes
and your heart
and your head
?

brushstrokes of a typist
a writer's color wheel
textures in the text
is to see to feel?

Are you an artist, a viewer, a reader?
Can you tell the difference?
How?

Are you?
Art thou?