

...may 24, 1986...

*the monday closest to
may twenty-fourth in canada
has been a holiday
since nineteen-fifty-two
where we pretend to celebrate
the un-birthday of a queen
victoria long dead –*

*casually
i cram this fact into my brain
aside the fact
that easter weekends
start on fridays
following the first full moon
after the equinox of spring –*

*it is as if i am
perpetually
re-focussing my brain
aligning dates with facts
to plant me firmly
in this here and now –*

*perhaps –
if all these
recollections
were dismissed –
the mirage i live in
would disperse.*