

## Rule of Threes

I tend to read books three at a time surrounded  
by a trio of dogs as agreeable to me  
as a ternion of adjectives before a noun.

Aristotle believed in three unities for plays  
all set in one place, no longer than a day,  
without subplots, or flashbacks.

I need this sort of frame.  
Curios offer more pleasure  
in triads. Three repetitions renders things true.

We progress from incident, to coincident,  
to pattern. I arrange a cord of wood between a triangle  
of stalwart evergreens and consider the men I've loved,

believe the third offers something of a knotty twist.  
Like a triptych, I could display this fact openly  
or fold it shut.

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