

The Examined Life

"The unexamined life is not worth living."

Socrates

Socrates made his famous comment
After the hemlock made him vomit.
He mumbled in Greek with a voice so weak
The reporter heard it wrong.

She edited out his *uh's* and *um's*,
But added a never spoken *un-*,
Thus changing his word to its reverse.
Hence my bit of verse:

"The examined life is not worth living.
Consider your moments of greatest bliss.
No angst, I'll wager, or introspection,
No thoughts of the Great Abyss."