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In memory of my parents Solomon Bazerman (1916-1965) Miriam Bazerman (1916-1975) For Poesy alone can tell her dreams,
With the fine spell of words alone can save
Imagination from the sable charm
And dumb enchantment.
John Keats, "The Fall of Hyperion"

Poets survive in fame.

But how can substance trade
The body for a name
Wherewith no soul's arrayed?

No form inspires the clay Now breathless of what was Save the imputed sway Of some Pythagoras,

Some man so deftly mad His metamorphosed shade, Leaving the flesh it had, Breathes on the words they made.

J. V. Cunningham

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#### **PART ONE**

#### WRITING MATTERS