

What Is Thinking?

Thinking is with knitted brow,
pinched eyes, scowling,
solving a problem
or a puzzle.

Thinking is choosing
a word, a phrase
to make clear an idea,
to avoid hurting.

Thinking is all the strange
disjointed imaginations
floating through my head
or what's behind a dream.

Is thinking also
searching memory
for a lost fact,
a name, number, a face?

Is thinking figuring
15% on a dinner,
or the shortest distance
from there to here?

Surely thinking is
arguing to win an argument,
debating to win a debate,
writing, telling, learning.

And what then do we call
research to find the facts
to win that argument?
Are questions thinking?

Can we do without thinking?
I think not.