

## I Do Not Understand How Cameras Work

*"The thing about remembering is that you don't forget." - Tim O'Brien*

It does not have a brain  
It does not have eyes  
    It does what I want to  
    But cannot  
No matter how hard I try.

In 1814      we began  
Taking photographs  
With the sole purpose of  
Remembering.

A man-made object  
Sees what I see  
Blinks  
And remembers      Forever  
The temporary figures within its frame.

It does not forget, lose its color,  
Or forget faces.

It is the only temporary object  
That can remember forever.