

Modus Operandi

-- for Howard Zinn

The plain raw fact of the matter is
You can't please all of the people
all of the time. No.
And not even all of the people
some of the time. Or
some of the people all of the
time.

Most likely
you won't please any of the people
any of the time. So
please yourself.

Emerson had the right idea, though
he might not have understood
just why. As for
Henry David Thoreau,
he knew.

In the Middle of the Journey

Under the green umbrella of time
a yellowing stalk
caught in the current between
then and when
stretches toward the sun
arches toward the sun
uncurls its withered edges
straining toward the light
And is stunted by the shock
that so long a shadow could be cast
by such a green umbrella

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