

## The Etymology of an Embrace

From *ember*,  
a flame dying in a cancer ward  
of the common cold.

from *brace*,  
to hold or support oneself against  
an opposing force,

from *em*,  
the distance between two  
thoughts,

from *race*,  
to close or bridge a distance  
in a desperate hurry,

from *bra*,  
the clasp of a boy's  
lewd eyes,

from *ace*,  
on the crown of a cloud  
shooting stuff down.