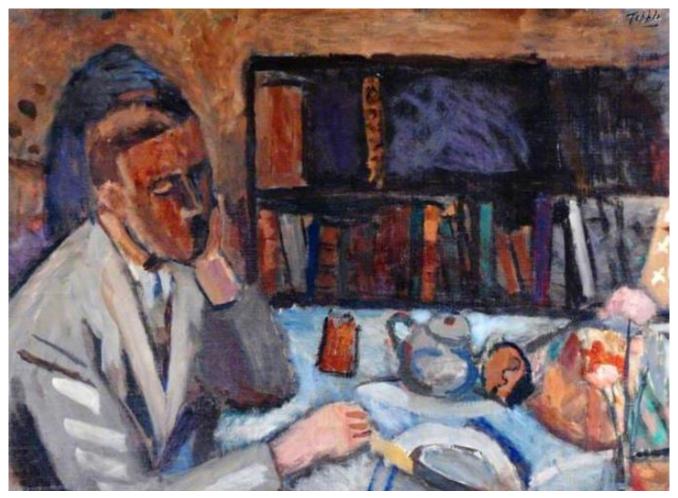# Thoughts From a Long Voting Line & The Designer

by [**Michael Allyn Wells**](#) (November 2024)

Man Thinking (Geoffrey Arthur Tibble, 1932)

Thoughts From a Long Voting Line

Here is the thing about love.
No one knows it's size.
For some it is immeasurable.
To Infinity and beyond!

He asked, "Do you carry

lint in your pocket?" I Just
shrugged as said, "Where
else you going to put it?"

There are those who say
size matters, and those
who disagree. I suspect
both have a personal bias.

Life isn't all cozy in
corduroys. Sometimes
cotton will give you
just what you need.

People have fought wars
over land, over love,
over religion, and pride,
but someone shaking
your etch-a-sketch?

As you get older you
move the goal posts
of what constitutes old,
until you get called on
it and see the yellow flag.

I remember when
Styrofoam was just
a novelty and then
it became pollution.

There was a time
when we had party
lines on telephones.
You probably thought
those days were over.
Ever heard of NSA?

The Designer

Perhaps she was a theatrical interloper
Or a shapeshifter by design.
An elementary crafter of all things
wooden and stone.

Maybe the masses know her by her talent
or surely one day will. They will ask
for her work only by her first name.
A name synonymous with only the most

masterful artistry. Others will attempt
to duplicate her work but without
the passion it will fall flat against
a single dimension.

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