

# Peter Hammill, The Meanings Changed

From the first word that I said to the last  
some strange echo remains  
imprinted in the walls  
recorded in the vaults  
we talked and tunneled through  
but the meanings have all changed.

Because of all I said  
you began to regard me as strange  
until with some relief  
you suspended disbelief  
I tried to tell the truth  
but my meaning was all changed.

I saved one final word  
to pay off this long sentence in spades  
but what I thought I said  
was patently misread.  
The spoken word  
is broken here  
and in between the two of us  
the meaning is all changed.