...Assignment Sheet for Style and Grammar...

**Take a look:** There are about a million books on style, grammar, and usage in the Bedford Bibliography. For something a bit more accessible, you can browse a collection of the most painful and common usage errors at [http://www.wsu.edu/~ebrians/errors/errors.html](http://www.wsu.edu/~ebrians/errors/errors.html). The hand-held paper version is *Common Errors in English Usage* by Paul Brians, published by William, James and Co. You’ll never say “The Ukraine” again. For Wednesday, please browse the site, and bring your concerns to class. **Also, consider this:**

**WHY ARE THESE OKAY? (are they?)**

*since feeling is first* by ee cummings

since feeling is first
who pays any attention
to the syntax of things
will never wholly kiss you;

wholly to be a fool
while Spring is in the world

my blood approves,
and kisses are a far better fate
than wisdom
lady i swear by all flowers. Don't cry
-the best gesture of my brain is less than
your eyelids' flutter which says

we are for eachother: then
laugh, leaning back in my arms
for life's not a paragraph

And death i think is no parenthesis

*A Light in the Moon* by Gertrude Stein

LIGHT in the moon the only light is
on Sunday. What was the sensible decision.
The sensible decision was that
notwithstanding many declarations and more
music, not even withstanding the choice and
a torch and a collection, notwithstanding the
celebrating hat and a vacation and even more
noise than cutting, notwithstanding Europe
and Asia and being overbearing, not even
notwithstanding an elephant and a strict
occasion, not even withstanding more
cultivation and some seasoning, not even
with drowning and with the ocean being
encircling, not even with more likeness and
any cloud, not even with terrific sacrifice of
pedestrianism and a special resolution, not
even more likely to be pleasing. The care with
which the rain is wrong and the green is
wrong and the white is wrong, the care with
which there is a chair and plenty of
breathing. The care with which there is
incredible justice and likeness, all this makes
a magnificent asparagus, and also a fountain.