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## AN INCORRECT POEM

By Chris Peckover

They think I can't write (out of envy and spite) So I've decided to come out and show 'em That they're right and I can't! So I'll rave and I'll rant In this entirely incorrect poem.

I wish I could see where to put simile But my brain's like a limitless void. So I play the dumb game, metaphysical shame, In the mind of a frustrated Freud.

So why introduce consonance or produce A page I deduce is all lies? I corrupt my whole ode with redundance forebode. Personification personifies.

Synecdoche's gone from the line it was on Without nice and smooth hendiadys.

Can I not then compose some rhetorical prose?

Or end an aposiopesis...

Parallel structure plagues with corrupture, I'm told so in all combinations. I avoid hypermetrics, through death or obstetrics And elude all lame a-lliteration.

My attempts at iambic pentameter can't Be more laughable next to the best. I can never inject a chiasmal aspect. My poem dies here; here I'll rest.

And so, my comrade, I pray you're not mad
That I have so wasted your time.
Only now at the end do I see the grave trend
I could not even write a word that sounds like another word.

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