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Two Poems

You Want a Poem?

you want a poem?
then write one, sucker
don't just read
while the others suffer

don't just sit there
twiddling thumbs
pick up that pen
make fingers numb

go expound
on what you've found
turn off that TV
smash it now

smash your fist
into a brow
not others, but your own
that's how

smash it
till the words fall out
a metaphor, not really
ow!

are you slow
or just bereft?
you'll kill what brain cells
you've got left

you need a mind
to pen a verse
you need some sense
to make this work

you still believe
you want a poem?
then write one
this one's mine
and done