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I say death to the poem:

Strangle all metaphors

Electrocute all images

Poison all rhymes

Shoot all synecdoches

Stab all allusions.

For heaven's sake, stop being a poet  
Just for once. Murder all nuances

That confound the reader

And beguile him to tread

A labyrinth of words;

For once, hide nothing from him

Give him the gory head of a vision

On a bleeding platter

(It's not your fault if he

Lacks a well-oiled heart).

Yes, give it to him straight

From the subconscious

Sans frills, sans artifice,

As visceral as possible

Gash and gore

The elemental gangrene of speech

Dripping with the smelly green

Pus of wisdom.

Shove it in his face:

Its eye sockets deep and dark,

Its caved-in nose;

A few molars missing,

Its cracked dome shining in the sun,

A sonnet's grinning skull.