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A Sonnet for Canonical Failure

Remember not the sins of writer's block,
the cause of anxiety and syntax amnesia.
I'll show you my ambiance for allusion.
Shut up, Petrarch, you poetic Italian.
I don't know what an anastrophe is so
speak with your ears and listen with your tongue.
Go talk to Aesop if you want to learn about fables.
Although everyone knows the tortoise is more able.
Now if you're looking for a tragedy,
Shakespeare can set you up with a Hamlet catastrophe.
Don't you dare think about inserting a cliché
or I'll be saying, "Chivalry is dead" by the end of the day.
Oh, look. I have begun to rhyme.
It's time to break it down like a hyperbolic enzyme.