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Poetry

I sit in class, listening.
And yet I hear only noise.
The teacher's words make no sense to me,
I'm preoccupied.
My mind is elsewhere, however it's not wandering.
It's at a very specific place, in fact.
Where?
Poetry:
My least favorite form of writing.
It's there because I have to write two poems,
with which I've been struggling for the past two weeks.
I'm writing,
and all I can think of is how bad my poems will be.
But then I remember something:
I'm a writer, this is what I do.
So to the *reader*:
Stop counting my syllables,
Stop counting the lines and the stanzas.
Don't tell me this isn't poetry because it's "not correct."
I don't like to rhyme,
I don't like to match up my words and stanzas.
Poetry is supposed to be art,
It's my feelings put onto paper.
This is my art,
This is what you as a reader get.
It's not meant to offend or displease,
It's meant to tell you how I feel.
This is how I feel.
I feel that my poetry isn't standard, but it does its job.
Exactly how I want it.