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Stockholme Syndrome

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I woke up confused—
It was just about dawn—
Overwhelmed by what I realized:
I was kidnapped by a poem.

A nostalgic notion nudged my core, as I sat paralyzed in a vernacular war.
Verbs set flame to nouns,
And synonyms called with smiles,
Taunting the spectrum of my soul with misplaced apostrophes.

I tried to shake loose,
As homographs were bound to bind me.
I was currently held captive
In a cavern of vowels and consonants.

I tried to plead through prepositions,
Only to be pounced upon for interjecting an interjection.
My timing and selection were totally wrong,
For a singular abduction metamorphosed into legends of paraphrased plurals.

I knew I was in trouble,
Being inflected by inflections, adapting to the next selection of torture.
There was an etymology of comparatives,
Reminiscent of a time when I cross-referenced survival.

I contemplated my fate,
And breathed new air, as Stockholm syndrome set in.
Being kidnapped by a poem produced an unexpected result,
I became a poet.

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