



*From the desk of*

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a poem is  
a piece of what you think I  
'd say if I  
were'nt so nice,  
and also the beauty of the ice  
as it freezes about  
your breathless drowning

but poetry is  
the essence of a lifeless dog  
brought to life by the magic  
of a toothless child

and a poet is  
one who can teach the length  
of the world the secret  
of the life of the ice  
while still believing  
in the death of the dog

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