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Jason Jarvis *Self-conscious*

I was once a perfect poem
single-theme rhymed sold a product
Then one day I woke up and Oh there's much more to be
I could be a poem
about a cloud
pillowing gliding running against the sun
and I could rain over the ad execs
who wrote me
and I am.

I could be a poem
about a tree-swing by the lake
jump on autumn afternoon gold amber Splash
Tarzan or Jane or someone new
little Joe trembling heavy feet sweat shiver-spine
Go from the chorus
I am little Joe Campbell jumping the first time
hero
and I am.

I could be a poem
about anything I please
imperfect
I'm free
It's a power I'll waste
because I can
I'm not what I was
and never again will I
end myself with
Burma Shave.