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Death to Poetry!

Painting disgusts me profoundly...I want to assassinate painting.
--Miro

Poetry disgusts me—its cowardly retreat
from life, its incestuous relations,
the fetid pools...the shallow unprofound
schools, the shameless self-promotion,
its blah, blah blurbs,
its thin-skinned fear
of criticism. I want
to assassinate poetry,
with a bullet to the brain
a coup d'état...
or we could blow it up
with a percussion bomb
so loud it echoes
through the halls of academia.
Let heads roll
from the guillotines.
I want to see poetry
bleeding in the streets.
We will bury the dead
in a mass grave.
Let the revolution begin.

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