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So It Was Written

My strength is in my pen,
but the ink flowing from it
is beyond my control.
This pen could kill
driven into an eye
or Adam's Apple,
but this pen cannot last.
These words appearing
on the page,
they have a life of their own.
I know when they begin,
but not when, if ever
they will end.

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