

**Joe Farley**

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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