

what is poetry.

i am not the one you should ask

because i will only warn you to stay away.

stay away from poems.

stay away from the people who say they write them.

far

far

away.

upon a visual sighting

report them to the authorities.

alert mental health specialists.

if you see one there is

the probability that

more are around.

immediately seek shelter

in the science section

of the library.

poems and their writers

are outskirts livers

cultish necrophiliacs

eternalist grifters

faint of heart sensitivists

unemployed sincerists

narcissistic smash and grab lovers

weeping emotionalists

spectacularly ignorant insurrectionists

failed providers

crocodilian moralists

drug dwelling party sycophants

sexual imperialists

otherworld overlords

pompous wordsters

and other assorted fantastical creatures

their habitats
seem to be places where summary executions are entertainment
and suicidal tendencies are surrounded
by questions of beauty
in borrowed light
with promises
of love
promising
never to love again
or the broken promises
that fall into the worm traps
of nearly blind moles
waiting to eat their toxin paralyzed boneless meals
and squalid affairs.

and what of the poems they pretend
are for humanity
or just for you...

if they tell you it is inspirational
it is only to trick you into a church
where the bellringer just died of despair
and there is a need for a new hand to ring the bell.

if they tell you it is to increase awareness
it is only to trick you into the room
where human experimentation was conducted
but failed to produce any trace of bubbly expectations
and now a new body is required to work on achieving
self pollinating joy.

if they tell you it is for the money
it is only to trick you into what they would

call a bridge loan guaranteed by a personally signed iou
to be repaid as soon as the nobel prize money
hits their personal offshore account.

if they tell you it is for freedom
be prepared to wear chains
and drown in their ego seas
of false weights and measurements.

if they tell you it is for anything other than themselves... it is not.

then again i might be the first one you should ask
if you need to believe something else.

not the one you should ask.
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