

This is Not a Poem

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Ghost Red Wire, Don Van Vliet

This is not a poem.

There is no form nor rhyme

nor music in its words and phrases.

This is not a Poem

& I'm not joking.

Ceci n'est pas une pipsqueak.

I'm deadly serious.

Words strung together,

common coin like

bowling ball and wet-suit

in

prosaic everyday ordure

(thought this was turning poetic?

fell right into my trap!)

a poem do not make.

This is Not a poem.

Such is the case today that many will read and defend

this as ironically a poem. tsk, tsk! pshaw!

Standards are low low loooooow.

Have I insulted your intelligence
or have you insulted mine?

But no, this is not a poem & I'm not joking.

I'm deadly serious.

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