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# Pencil

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My pencil  
draws drawings of deception  
while dancing and flying  
off the page  
sometimes drawing a  
dog doubtful of unfamiliar faces  
or stars staring skeptically at me...

My pencil  
writes words of wonder  
wondrous words of the winds  
leaping and twirling  
like a ballerina on pointe  
scribbling and scrabbling  
a song that swirls about  
a story that tells itself...

My pencil  
is orange and mechanical  
like a robot that painted itself  
orange  
Now wait a minute,  
where did it go?