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The Perfect Poem

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Please tow it to the closest pound. A car,
 Like art, demands precise geometry,
 The parallel and perpendicular,

The clicking meter, far from being free,
 Is tight and timely, drum of life's parade.
 All novice poets, give your ears to me:

Poetic art by metric scale is weighed,
 For I have spoken.

—Jerome the meter maid.

The Perfect Poem*

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As a flower skipped along
 A bird flew down
 And bit its head off.
 Ahhh, the flower screamed,
 I've been decapitated.
 Shut up said the bird.
 In the valley of
 Dead babies
 He dropped flower's head
 Into an eyeless socket.
 Lovely, said the bird.

*The perfect poem must always contain references to
 one or more of the following: flowers, birds, and
 something about love.