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Imagine a world

    In which the arts

        Were taken away

No more colors

    Combined

        Into inspiring blends.

No more lines

    That challenge the task

        Of simple,

            Yet complex

    Boundaries

        Sketched

    With precision

    No more musical notes

To gather

    In purposeful

    Uniqueness

To share melody

To soothe

    Harmoniously

To inspire joy

    With wind,

        Metal,

            Strings

    No more sculptures

To bend,

    Shape,

Fuse,  
    Scrape  
No more clay,  
    Iron,  
        Brass,  
            Scraps  
            Arranged  
    With shape,  
Style,  
    Challenge,  
        Bravado  
No more voices  
    No purposeful chorus  
To interpret  
    To blend  
        To playfully oppose,  
    Yet punctuate  
        In balance  
In position  
    By definition  
        Through vibration  
    Intonation  
Inspiration  
    Indication  
        Complexity  
            Integrity  
                Simplicity  
            Facility  
No poetry  
    No symphony  
        No gallery

No reverie  
No beauty  
No imagery  
No humanity  
What if the arts  
Were taken  
Away?  
No heart  
No Soul  
No legacy  
No life