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With overflowing exuberance, he hops
from square to square, on the green quilted carpet
of our classroom.

Conspiring against our imaginations with
penetrating gaze, and absolute certainty in his speech.

Passion gushing from his didaction, as the
audience can all but grow roots into the floor,
fused to the seat backs.

Pacing up and downstage with a playful glint,
both actor and artificer, he conjures images
of Aristotle, Ptolemy, and Newton,
constructed tangibly by a boyish grin.

Words never held such electricity in
any play slept through by a nibbling French novelist
as they did when he bore the skull to the light.

Each aside would resurrect me from my closed-eye
meditation and employ Galileo to telescope me in.

He is Moses striking the rock, spouting forth
the Wisdom of the Ancients.

He is the proud player taking a bow
during a standing ovation.

He is a man. A man who saved the phenom
of being a student.