

# Quinine Tablets

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*a little bitter for the better*

## **SETI Haiku**

Can the universe  
thank itself that there's nothing  
else like us out there?

## **Compliance**

The terror of a vengeful god,  
whose glowing ray-gun eyes  
scan the world for sin and prime  
themselves to flash a burning wrath,  
keeps him true to all commandments  
but the one to love.

## **South Carolina Haiku**

Stun and sting of old  
wounds reopened- new pains at  
old exasperations.

## **Should We Survive the Holocene Extinction?**

Not only No,  
but Hell No.

## **Divine Rite of Suffering**

If God hadn't intended the poor  
to suffer and starve,  
He wouldn't have made them poor.  
He never makes mistakes.

