

This is the Best Poem You'll Ever Read

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This is the best poem you'll ever read.
It's got you and me in it.
The lines break
when
you don
't expect them to.
Because I don't know the rules of poetry I
forget what I was saying.

It makes you think you are the you,
and you are. Which thrills you
because I write about some tiny quirk of yours (your glorious extra
toe) as though I'm in love with you.

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There's gravitas, a dead bird on the sidewalk as a symbol.
And talk of some ancient god, say Mithra, because all the best
poems contain gods!
Did you see
the exclamation point - you didn't expect that.
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i
s
(kind of ee cummings sort of shit)

And finally, with a little more repetition to bring it together
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