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This is not a poem
 (actually)
I´m sorry
You were probably looking for one
But this here is not.

What did you expect?
A bunch of brave words,
Sometimes with rhythm
 Others without,
Dancing comas,
 Insipid full stops,
Rhyme AABB or ABBA?
 (it does not matter)
What you are searching´ s running through my veins,
Past experiences that taste like
Apricot,
 Strawberries
 Or tangerines.

Poor bastards,

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You all
Weak machines who need a tool
To taint dull skylines
 (to fill your soul).

Well,

I'M
NOT
YOUR
SAVIOR.

Poetry is not in books or torn papers
But hidden in bright eyes
Breathing in wakes of summer air
Or painting astonishing pictures
Just with time and nature.

There are no rhymes, nor metaphors.
Just sunsets and dawns.
Run if you want,
 Run fast
But stomp hard enough,
 'cause running fast without aim
Will leave you no trail at all behind.
Raise your soul
And fly mixed with the air
Developing wings no one else
Will
 Ever
 See.

Poetry is found in open skies
And little crowded markets.

Poetry is everywhere,
 You sucker.
So taste it,
 Fuck it,
 Enjoy it.
Go out and live it.
But never,
 NEVER EVER
Try to write about it.

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