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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,  
    Insidid 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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