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Oh, yes

Creativity can be a bitch

Unfair, unfeeling, unfathomable

She hides when needed most,

Appears at inconvenient times,

Speaks in incomprehensible symbols

And generally disregards all my attempts

To capture, define, or control her

I know

I have tried scheduling, coaxing, demanding

Cursed her timing, ignored her gentle nudge

Begged her to appear for just one tiny moment

Lit candles, promised, banged the table.

I've stamped my feet and pouted, resentful

At her embrace of someone else

Perhaps

It's time to try another tactic, change perspective

Prepare in space and soul a room to welcome her

Pull out good china, set a place at the table.

Invite her, not summon, to walk along with me,

Drink in sun, smell rain, explore darkness

And play with me in picture words