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There once was an excellent poet
   Was it I, you ask? You know it!
   You’ll see how I rhyme
With high regard to meter, verse, diction, structure, and rh—time
   Because when you’re the best, you show it.

As it happens, the poet—yours truly—
   Encountered a rhyme most unruly
   And with valiant effort, ’twas met
   With the help of the Internet
   Which smote it thusly: canaliculi!

Victorious, the poet—myself—
   Sought enthronement on the highest bookshelf
   But elf would not do
   To make this rhyme true
So for prestige, she went with the near-sound of commonwealth.

Such formidable use of such words, you see,
   Allows real poets to take these liberties
   Comedians also know this well
Though that’s another story to tell
   In which our heroine will jest, laugh and be merry—
   Unless, of course, the joke is on me . . .

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