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### Mightier Than The Sword

by Anthony Balch

Oh, do propose a purpose, a purpose for poor prose.  
Please rectify the journey on which my pen's mind goes.  
Say, "Shakespeare was once a fledgling, untried, in want of fame."  
As far as want of anything goes I've twice that gentleman's  
claim.

If I could but be a cobbler in that Craft or Sullen Art,  
I'd gladly go barefoot in Hades, let Lucifer fondle my heart.  
To Robert Frost through a pine thicket, to Paul Simon through  
L. A.

To re-lead the life of Cervantes, amusing a Muse all the way!  
But, sadly my pen is not golden. Toward Art it seems rather  
sick.

But alas, I can drill through sheet metal with my indestructible  
Bic!