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By Emily Ward

This poem will be pretentious.
The overall lack of punctuation
and unnecessary inclusion of foreign
words shall prove the author's superiority.

This poem will be abstract.
The author will describe a lily pad.
And that lily pad, of course,
represents women's suffrage.

This poem will begin with a quote.
Something from The Bell Jar.
Something to let the reader know
that this poem is deep and powerful.

This poem will be specific.
The author will have used Google
to conduct extensive research
on "the anatomy of the human ear."

This poem will contain imagery.
Sensory details will gallop
into the reader's mind
from the crinkled, yellow, lavender-scented page.

This poem will have a title.
It will consist of an adjective and a noun.
Any adjective. Any noun.
Heavy Cantaloupe.