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*rupture verse and fracture  
prose, severing vital thoughts  
to isolate the meaning,*

*dislodge the sense, and remove  
the spirit. Dissection can  
also help preserve the reflection,  
maybe insulate the dream,  
and free the mist from the shadow.  
They can put its beat to rhythm*

*in an orderly operation,*

*or scatter the dust on  
a broken urn. They can*

*lacerate with cold mettle  
and tear gentle tracks of wound,  
making disjointed scars for  
the sake of scientific*

*sake.*

*Mood, in lyrical garb, leaves  
truth in flow for cloudy  
mirages. They spread the germ  
of fraud to slash the feel  
of feeling. With scalpel, lancet*

*or sickle, word is chopped  
to feed fire and build bench.  
When gray clouds hover over  
gray men marching by, and all  
is in peace on a surrogate  
side, then petals will sway*

*in apathy to a black wind,  
and the parallel lines of life  
will tangle into a silver,*

*symmetrical hell. But the hungry  
will stay fed if they guide*

*their blue spoons inward.*

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