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What causes inspiration
is unknown.
It crystallizes
or dissipates, is no more.
Timing, seldom perfect,
if denied, ceases.

To snatch the moment
is thievery
and deceitful as the thrill
of the tantalizing chase
fulfilling, fully.

No elixir, prescription, chance win
will pad the empty space
gapping in he-of-talent.

Creative ability
remains a disease suffered,
alone,
amid words and imagery
that waits
but not too patiently,
for capture.

To be mul-ti-ply creative we know is a gift that keeps on giving when challenged, when it
is unexpected, as well as when it plagues the individual until action or loss.

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