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(from *THE ADVENTURES OF POME*)

POME EX CATHEDRA

Pome considered the problem of God,
whether or not to jump on.

"S/he'd have to be
an epic polymorphous perverse
to be grassroots these days.
Free verse with a few refrains
to ground back into cycle, maybe
something heard at birth
and too subtly repeated
to recognize until the last
page turns and the reader dozes,
waking to suppose it was his own dream
as the book dropped from his hands.
It would have to be a dream
you couldn't wake from quite. Such a dream
as Walt Whitman passed on."