

POEM OF THE WEEK

COMPOSING A SYMPHONY

To do what Beethoven did
To mimic Tchaikovsky
Such a glorious sound
To marvel at Mozart

To borrow from Brahms
A storehouse of compositions
For anything from a quartet
To an orchestra. 'Twould be divine

As much as I desire the knowledge
To succeed, I am totally without a musical
Skill, experience or know-how
A symphony of/with words

Now, that's interesting

I wonder, is what we set out out
to achieve each time we write a poem
To find the appropriate words
In an expressive arrangement?

I do. I try to make music
I have no skill, experience
Or know-how; I try regardless
So, if I were to be successful

How would I know?
It took artificial intelligence
To complete Beethoven's
Unfinished 10th Symphony

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Such dreams, such desires
To participate in the creation
Of beauty; to aspire to great heights
If only I could; if only I might

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