

# Poem: "Feeding a Poem to a Horse"

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An apple would be better  
bitten down like the moon  
to a crunchy nub  
scored with greed

His lips flare in the air  
from the fence of his teeth  
and his tough tail flicks  
where the flies stay

A carrot would be better  
than these four-legged lines  
that flee from me and never meet  
any sweet little need

So we both might gallop  
wild and away

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