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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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