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Why would you smuggle in a renegade
idea inside the outskirts of the mind?
Although a foursquare sonnet's to be made,
it nonetheless will put you in a bind.
For otherwise you'd have to let him in
and brook the consequences of the law,
or keep him out with his subversive grin
revealing his incendiary flaw.
But now your verbal finery conceals
his mischievous intent behind a set
of quatrains and a couplet. This appeals
to sensibilities that will abet
the fugitive to snuggle in your breast,
while his unwitting host will scarcely rest.