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Rife fantasies are toxins in the blood,
which mobilize the white cells in my brain
to thus articulate a surging flood
of mental images. They form a strain
of poetry intended to contain
the progress of the virulent disease.
In fact, such mental processes inflame
the very system they're presumed to ease
from torment with a regimen of verse.
But these engender more diseased conceits
and fantasies that make the sickness worse
until contagion rides iambic beats.
Thus, lest the virus runs its fatal course,
it must be extirpated at its source.

