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destroys linguistic structures
philosophical analyses
systematic theologies
psycho-social niceties

simple words cannot hold
the tension required
for letters to cohere letters
to become syllables linked
neurochemically to other
syllabic constituents
make this one sound
with some objective referent
subjective disclosure
negotiated accord

pain has no explanation
no justification
the sounds of pain are growls
groans moans cries sighs
exhalations less-than-words
unconscious meta-linguistic
vocalizations
syntax-free post-grammatical
significations not quite
meaningless but—

pain is always new
always now
always blameless
beyond comparison
fills all the empty spaces
sucks the air out of every room

pain is always *this* pain
always *mine*
uninterrupted