

ms word

ms word
overwhelms with pre-decided tabs
 pre designed fonts
and autocorrect option
 ms word
shows language is a systematized
 manifestation of certain binary codes
it edits and track changes
 saves paper and spends electricity
ms word
 unfailingly fences my verses
with chili green lines
 and objects to the sentence fragmentations
of my fragmented writings
 it adorns my name with a doubt ridden red barbed line
and suggests everyday English words as more agreeable
 alternatives for my name*

dare i disagree with paper white
 ms word when
my thoughts are
 ungrammatical
my name is
 incorrect
the town where i live
 non existent in the linguistic map

*Sweat Road is the MS Word approved version of my name, Shweta Rao. What's yours?

english studies in the Age of (mechanical) Engineering

tall magnificent buildings are
physical manifestations of advanced mathematics

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concretized by sophisticated physics
flat surfaces are balanced by vertical pillars,
translated from random lines on paper;
iron, marbles, cement reinforce
the techie's dream into 40×60 square ft
in the material world

what do i hold on to
in my quagmire of sticky, semi fluid,

(mostly gaseous) substance called language?
i look to these geometrically precise structures
unable to tell their shapes apart (but in words).
through my world inside the cave
where i try and sieve
mimesis from Reality

i faithfully indulge in the game

of deciphering shadow patterns

from the unnatural obstruction
of the one natural Light

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