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I took a word  
from off  
a printed page  
into my mind  
cherished it a little  
and it murmured there  
with others  
bringing the ease  
of insight  
to bewilderment;  
and I thought  
McLuhan  
your shafts  
bright  
with paradox  
are fun  
but just  
off target

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