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## An Original Composition

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### An Original Composition for a Language Not My Own:

A patient man of much humor  
A humorous man of much patience  
Sits beside me and listens  
with a sigh, as the words skitter  
beyond my sight and into his  
Mumbled incohesions slip from  
my lips . . . stopping long enough  
to rear their legs  
majestically, touching noses softly,  
begging of beauty in my mind's eye,  
sounding a litany of muted chorus,  
rubbing together a symphony of hallelujah  
When the patient man of much humor  
The humorous man of much patience  
Repeats them slowly to me and praises  
my garbled return.

A gift for Sensei  
先生 (= 贈物)

せんせい (= おくりもの)