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Dedicated to Pat at the Spring Creek Campus Writing Center

Idioms, jargon, faddish language to boot,
Gerund phrases clichés run amuck; they're a hoot.
Dangling modifiers climb unhindered throughout,
Whilst demonstrative pronouns detract from the clout.

Oh what a sinner forlorn and for-lost
Can anyone save me from adverbial clauses,
Infinitive phrases, and intransitive verbs?

But wait, what's this that I see?

Language heroes are waiting
To wade through the mire
Thwart back the language,
Find a thesis for hire.
They'll split your infinitives, destroy additive phrases,
Save you from wordiness and idiom mazes.

These modern day prophets,
These saviors from doom
Reside in the Library,
I meet them at noon.
Gone are my comma splices, don't miss them a bit.
For me a trip to the Writing Center is
Always a hit.