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## The Comma Splice Assassins

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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.