

## Ventricular Poetry

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it is the heart that creates  
but it's the mind that writes (poetry)  
the heart receives more praise however  
though it's only a pump

perplexed by this disparity  
of credit i decided to tear my heart  
from my chest  
it was easy i simply fell in love  
and allowed my feline mate  
to behave instinctively,  
surgeons have much to learn  
from their method,  
no physical scars are visible  
though the heart  
has been excised with obsidian  
and offered as a sacrifice,  
though gods have little need  
of hearts they live on lies  
and the machinations of men

yet hearts remain as trophies  
notched on fang or claw  
so it was a simple matter  
to remove it from its place

after its extraction the surgeon  
had no further use for it  
its separation was all that mattered  
so i took the opportunity  
to inspect this organ  
to discover its poetic magic

its outward appearance revealed nothing  
but a bloody mess so i sliced it open  
and beheld its secret chambers,  
indeed it is true all poetry issues  
from the heart  
traces on its inside walls --  
strange striations and cellular  
patterns -- revealed how  
flowing warm blood

etches our experience into  
vast libraries of despair

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Jungle Drum Prose/Poetry. <http://jungledrum.lingama.net/news/story-1800.html>