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Weekend is an Epilepsy
(Dedicated to George Bernard Shaw)

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The ultimate attainment of happiness is madness.
After that, there's no word left in your throat
To fill this armoury of sounds with syllables. So, you are silent and
Dwell beneath the *substance*, and life
When your limbs are caged in past's *shadows*,
Do not divinate these moments of happiness
If they are destined to man a Royal Flaw. Before which,
there's only a throat in you to catapult a constellation of words
beyond the time's linear flow— happiness beat happiness, and distances grow
Over its painful echo.

Certainly, weekend is an epilepsy
and its duration is no more than a seizure; perhaps a *stroke* seems better?
While it searches for me like a sandstorm searches for the head of the ostrich
buried more under intention, less the sand,
I pretend, all weaknesses of the universe inhibit me and my kind
And the strengths of it drop below
from the point of where I tend to forbid the beaten echo!

Selah! Don't animate your smile.
You are alive
and well enough.
What do you need more?
A short nap amidst the turmoil of shifts?
Like life
amidst the shifts of births, deaths, births, deaths...
Nevertheless,
It is a shifty pretty life,
You may feel alive while at work—

Feel your worth like a dot; so, move like a dot
in your weekdays
and in the weekend
become a sentence!

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