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I Write Because I Have To

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I write because I have to.
If someone asks me why,
I cannot give an answer,
I cannot even try.

Thorny as it often was
I managed once to scrawl some verse.
To condense, to rewrite, to edit.
Somehow I made it worse.

Then I took to writing plays.
The conversation seemed to flow.
But no producers put them on
So the stack began to grow.

Memories from a childhood popped up next
For I'm writing of my past,
Digging deep into my psyche
Forming thoughts I hope will last.