



God is a Terrible Artist

He's throwing a fit again,
This time within—
A psychological art study
In anatomical miniaturist,
A style unlike he's tried
Before.
Not like his sculpture phase,
Two sticks crossed
In the center
With a child actor wailing,
Red acrylic pooling
From hands and feet.
It was performance art,
But in very bad taste,
And disrupted the flow
Of the overall piece,
Which may explain
This.
He's going in with tweezers,
Avant garde—
It's been done—
The viewer wondering
Whether they are the
subject or the audience
Or the creator themselves.
Rather unethical.
Though this beats
His watercolor phase,
Wherein the world flooded
Because he couldn't control it.
God, watercolors are
Impossible to control.
Even the best artist must
Deliver themselves to the
Sleeping mystery.
And he is, in fact,
Not the best artist.
He lacks the patience,
The discipline.
At his start,
In seven days,
He expected a few splatters
Of leaf and bark and fur
To be a masterpiece.
When he opened the gallery,
The critics were less kind.
“We were expecting... more,”
They said.
He was furious.

Shut down the exhibit,
Set up guards with flaming swords.
He should've gone into theater,
The dramatics on this guy.
Though he'd only want to direct,
He doesn't recognize his sublime
Gift as a garish villain.
A few years ago
He fancied himself
A novelist,
Went to the trouble of
Suffering bookbinding—
Its tediousness and precision
For a more direct message,
Something tangible
A mark in history
Unable to be misconstrued.
The glue must've gone
To his head,
He toured the book
Extensively,
Translations in
Every language.
But art is art is art,
And once art lands
On an audience,
It no longer belongs
to the artist.
The written word
Is no less subject
Than paint.
So he is attempting again,
Rewiring the same old vessels
A deep sense of command
And no sense of mastery.
The writing may be on the wall,
But we'll all interpret.
He isn't going to like that.
Maybe he'll go back to his early days,
The trees and the hills and the animals—
An impressionistic take.
I think it was his best work.
He's been a sellout ever since.

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