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A Fine Frenzy

There's a rusty cannonball
in the yard,
destroying evidence,
proud
of its massive crater;
exciting those who savor
pageantry
and a gun salute
(but not torture,
which always gets bad press).

Meanwhile,
in a sun-centered universe,
a divine eminence
sets hearts
racing
with the possibility
of forgiveness
for their monsters,
who can transmogrify
into sentient weaponry,
producing a fine frenzy.

Sometimes,
these unguarded
occasions,
morphing like crazy,
become methods of renewal—

yet history (and judgment)
still cling to the edges,
sifting the detritus of time,

condensing a million
moments of reality
into a raw intensity of hours.