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## Lucky Murdock: Three Skomps & Guidelines

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### SKOMP! (EXPERIMENTAL POETRY)

“I started this experiment sometime during grad school. I believe it was 2018. My foremost goal with this project was to unblock my creative urges. What I created is something I would describe as “noise poetry.” SKOMP! incorporates improvisation, the subconscious, and unflinching honesty.”

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### GUIDELINES FOR WRITING A SKOMP

#### Awareness

You must have a concept of self in order to write a skomp.

#### Intent

A skomp should be done with intent.

#### Commitment

You should never delete any part of a skomp, only entire skomps.

#### Focus

You should not step away before finishing a skomp.

#### Title

The purpose of a skomp's title is to frame its reception.

#### Form

A skomp is always a sonnet.

#### Rules

Rules are for nerds.

#### Conflict

A skomp should be in conflict with itself.

#### Meaning

A skomp's meaning is subjective and is inflicted by its audience, not its author.

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## Skomp for Gertrude Stein

holdd your bereath  
 hold your neck strings hold  
 ydol hold your hand strings  
 don't hold my hand don't  
 hold scissors when you run down the up escalator  
 don't hold the left handles  
 don't help those with knee knees  
 have coffee have tea  
 have cocaine on your breath  
 with Gertrude Stein with Gertrude Stein with Gert  
 rude Stein the plastics  
 the plastics we made in the  
 1960s are aging getting older so they'll be  
 toxic rainbows on the floor

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## Sonnet for the End of the World

man what the fuckin hams  
 the world just up and  
 it and as in yes, and  
 in some farcical envenement  
 hope dampen ere ring wallid  
 lead poised halibut angry  
 people dying fuck you  
 you rich fuck  
 fuck you  
 you other rich fuck  
 the world is goddamn ending  
 and you're con'd  
 that virus gon' get  
 ur guts

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## Shatter

wait for that bi bulb to  
 pop in your face hold glass sprinkles  
 in your pulmones in your alveoli ravioli  
 medical dictionary art diction  
 the pop the old pops tink tink  
 plow the tissue paper of your eyelids  
 with razor freeze hacking up black tar  
 television is the television of the tlelel

atlaltl hurls mas into sa asinglepoint  
will my shoes outlast my feet?  
atlas wrapsup space into a tiny  
little bound section of hell  
iron wafflwes make bagandbangbagsand  
bagandabagandbagsandopenlooseandbagsandbangsandloosewaste

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*(Featured image of deconstructed typewriter from [pxhere](#))*

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