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The pleasure a writer knows
is the pleasure of sages.

Out of non-being, being is born;
out of silence,
a writer produces a song.

In one yard of silk, there is infinite space;
language is a deluge
from one small corner of the heart.

—Lu Chi, *Wen Chu: The Art of Writing*, third century AD

