

Note to Selves

Write good sentences, like this, if you can.
Then keep it going, as I am doing,
for a period of time not longer
than strictly necessary.

Strictly necessary, for discipline is essential.
Have in mind, as do I, where it all
leads. Failure to do so is quickly apparent.
You should also imbue each element,

implicit and explicit, with a little
something on the side, while maintaining
tight control. Tight control is evidence
of a skilled intellect herding otherwise

wayward plans to their pens. No puns!
No eyes rolled back. No foaming mouth.
No wine, no hallucinogens, no euphoria
nor suicidal depression – keep those

at good distance. Clarity is your goal.
Rhyme is fine used well, as are other tools,
but remember: only fools show off.
Kill all your darlings. Kill them. Enter

the vacuum alone. In white black-a-dot
blink bile back. Don't dig with it,
dig blind-open and unarmed. Sink loaves
of sound deep into eye-rivers

soft as carpet bombs
and blow all order
up.