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Latter-Day Sonneteers

O unbridled latter-day sonneteers
Your world told in concentrated burst
One hundred-forty characters appears
Starkly on your screen raw and unrehearsed
I concur your concision's laudable
In the polished vein of the greats of old
Use just char'cter when most need syllable
Graceful forms on the Internet uphold
Twitter, flitter, your world's all aglitter
Your single-serving insight on the go
Flitter, Twitter you sound-bite emitter
Fore'er typing wisdom's false plastic glow
Confine yourself to fraction of a page
Innocent man clutching bars in a cage.

(Shakespeare, Elizabethan, 1603)