

# **The Red Pen**

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**Oh, the Red Pen is more more than is seems.  
The Red Pen is a symbol of hurt,  
Of pain.  
The Red Pen is a weapon  
It lacerates you  
With indiscriminating fervor.  
It could be you  
Me  
And anybody you know  
The truth is  
Nobody is safe from the Red Pen  
The symbol  
And the weapon.**

**And the worst thing about the Red Pen  
Or, the worst thing about us,  
Is that any of us could be the Red Pen.  
We simply don't know until it happens.  
The Red Pen is you.  
And it's me right now.**

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