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Ouroboros

I used to despair, bouncing
between both ends
of the Nicomachean stick -

absolute genius and complete
idiot - until they met
in an archetypal loop:

The Holy Fool, who dares and
laughs at himself even more
than he is laughed at by others.

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The Tyrannical Or

The tyrannical or, fulcrum
of possibilities that must
land on one side or the other,

never on both or a third
alternative - premises reframed -
and forget about

the Gordian Knot. You cannot
cut the tyrannical or, or level
the plane. Is it that

dichotomy is the simplest mode
of thought or is there something
about us that necessitates

the tyrannical or?

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May Day

Tiny violets
run rampant
over front lawns,
unimpressed
by garden borders.

They know
the land owns
the owner and not
the other way around.