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Modestly Reported

**found poem*

Good news
for those who fear the looming writer:
Thyself
is in sharp decline.

Data reports
the snobbish play poetry -
suggesting tastes
toward crimes of the heart.

Upside:
 Death permitting.

They lost two world wars:
Deficits of the would-be novelists
and poets
claim the number of family violence.

Murdered by their wives
 -an easy path,
or the bargaining power
by sexual couples'
incentive behavior.

Female suicide
tied the knot.
Distress
that dares
not speak its name
in the shadow of law.

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The next five years,
of an institution calculated.
Reach for another snort of champagne
Alongside
an insignificant
rhetorician.