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There is a Monster at the End of this Poem

I am not human
I am not German
I am not coffee
I am not artwork
I am not poetry
I am not writing this
I am not human
I am not in my sunset years
I am not watching TV
I am not listening
I am not breathing
I am not breathing
I am not watching you
I am not writing
I am not eating
I am not what you think I am
I am not open to that at all
I am not into that either
I am not human
I am not a vegetarian
I am not vegan either
I am not a non-smoker
I am not a poem
I am not a cigarette
I am not a Buddha
I am not a TV
I am not a good writer
I am not a poem

I am not a bowlful of marijuana
I am not happy
I am not happy with you either
I am not sad
I am not dead yet
I am not at a funeral
I am not at a poetry reading
I am not a fascist
I am not a marxist
I am not a lion
I am not sitting
I am not human
I am not inhuman either
I am not a poem
I am not like that anymore
I am not music
I am not a song
I am not a film
I am not a video either
I am not a car
I am not a car radio either
I am not at my desk
I am not on the phone
I am not a computer
I am not email
I am not a tweet
I am not in charge
I am not out of debt
I am not money
I am not credit
I am not a bank
I am not an accountant
I am not an ant either
I am not a toy
I am not human
I am not asleep
I am not a cat
I am not a pot of tea
I am not a book
I am not a poem
I am not speech
I am not the president

I am not congress
I am not progress
I am not open
I am not closed
I am not occupy
I am not political
I am not what you think I am
I am not that either
I am not about drugs
I am not a pillow
I am not about to run anywhere
I am not for war
I am not against war
I am not what you would call a true-believer
I am not a superhero
I am not a hero
I am not a jelly donut
I am not here
I am not there
I am not measured
I am not able to be measured
I am not human
I am not your family
I am not at your dinner table
I am not in your home
I am not at my home
I am not on the streets
I am not in a fish tank
I am not a truck
I am not John Ashbery
I am not a good poet
I am not a good person
I am not worthy of emotion
I am not able to rid myself of emotion
I am not a machine
I am not human
I am not a poem
I am not an airplane
I am not a yawning gap
I am not subsidized
I am not politics
I am not in the commons

I am not affordable
I am not a house
I am not demanding
I am not conservative
I am not talking
I am not downsized
I am not an owner
I am not labor
I am not a psychoanalyst
I am not practical
I am not a house
I am not a gingerbread house
I am not forgetting
I am not a memory
I am not a time
I am not late
I am not early either
I am not human
I am not ethical
I am not a volunteer
I am not a metaphor
I am not able to explain
I am not a dealer
I am not on ebay
I am not sentimental
I am not without sentiment
I am not valuable
I am not vital
I am not we the people
I am not the universe
I am not an urban fox
I am not a city rabbit
I am not a dog
I am not cultured
I am not a vocal determined minority
I am not a nation
I am not making it worse
I am not ninety years old
I am not piss and vinegar
I am not a windmill
I am not the crown
I am not empty

I am not doing what you tell me to do
I am not aristocratic
I am not healthy
I am not in bed
I am not stupid
I am not human
I am not with the Internet
I am not animated
I am not part of the staff
I am not realistic
I am not in danger
I am not dangerous
I am not embracing anger
I am not Elvis shooting the TV
I am not unfair
I am not unsound
I am not sure
I am not in protest
I am not outside
I am not a real treat
I am not best pleased
I am not reacting
I am not mocking you
I am not ridiculing
I am not old
I am not sorry
I am not anywhere near the end of this
I am not disappointed
I am not bored yet
I am not thinking of something else
I am not looking at my watch
I am not fidgety
I am not in protest
I am not voting for you
I am not worried
I am not smiling
I am not laughing
I am not honest
I am not flicking you in the head
I am not pleased
I am not part of the one percent
I am not hungry

I am not human
I am not a quote
I am not a child
I am not educated
I am not me
I am not you
I am not the news
I am not a guide
I am not a philosopher
I am not shaking
I am not impressed
I am not dreaming
I am not in New York
I am not in a trance
I am not wondering
I am not a worm
I am not employed
I am not in the past
I am not in the future
I am not alive
I am not dead
I am not solid
I am not monied
I am not concerned
I am not an appendix
I am not on the lam
I am not free
I am not alone
I am not with friends
I am not very far away
I am not near you at all
I am not able to tell you that
I am not remembering well
I am not misremembering
I am not a train
I am not alighting
I am not vocabulary
I am not a single word
I am not a rifle
I am not a killer
I am not a poet
I am not human

I am not watching CNN anymore
I am not a drone
I am not military
I am not a warship
I am not unaccountable
I am not able to make peace
I am not able to make water
I am not able to eat without killing
I am not a killer
I am not eating
I am not killing myself with tobacco
I am not high right now
I am not human
I am not a poem
I am not clean
I am not shaved
I am not an animal
I am not what you think
I am not alright
I am not a machine
I am not human
I am not a poem
I am not cancer
I am not a Virgo
I am not a twin
I am not born
I am not reborn
I am not getting younger
I am not old
I am not what I thought I would be
I am not cool anymore
I am not a bully
I am not in school
I am not in my locker
I am not a victim
I am not a butterfly
I am not a flower
I am not a scent
I am not a cup of tea
I am not coffee
I am not sugar
I am not open-minded

I am not a tablecloth
I am not a table
I am not a foundation
I am not cracked from water damage
I am not plaster
I am not a statue
I am not human
I am not a poem
I am not sluggardly
I am not a spy
I am not a communist
I am not with them
I am not with you either
I am not for my own interests
I am not for your well-being
I am not fond of the post office
I am not afraid
I am not in the dark
I am not naive
I am not a bottle of water
I am not an ocean
I am not a droplet of rain
I am not cloud
I am not seeing a silver lining
I am not going to stop
I am not releasing energy
I am not a green house emission
I am not mission based
I am not on the moon
I am not going to ever set foot on mars
I am not in the mood
I am not ready for Christmas
I am not ready for the New Year
I am not winter
I am not snowfall
I am not an icicle
I am not a frozen circle
I am not green leaves
I am not an autumn sunset
I am not giving thanks
I am not thankful
I am not ungrateful

I am not shaking your hand
I am not welcome
I am not hearing you
I am not kissing you either
I am not inside of you
I am not in love
I am not loving
I am not unloved
I am not a cat
I am not a doctor
I am not voice
I am not sound
I am not unsound
I am not level
I am not a mantel
I am not reading
I am not awake
I am not flowing
I am not on top
I am not thinking
I am not thoughtless
I am not obscure
I am not clear
I am not championing
I am not worn out
I am not a heathen at the gate
I am not a gate
I am not a door
I am not fixed
I am not in the highlands
I am not enjoying myself
I am not longing
I am not a thing
I am not brilliant
I am not trivial
I am not supercilious
I am not extreme
I am not a fact
I am not fact based
I am not talking
I am not swelling
I am not lying

I am not a liar
I am not telling the truth
I am not on opposing sides
I am not a reflection of myself
I am not bristling
I am not shocked
I am not explaining
I am not in a crux
I am not a crucible
I am not adherent
I am not conveying this well
I am not going to stop for a long while
I am not against you getting up and moving around
I am not a poem
I am not going to get upset
I am not rude
I am not Hamlet
I am not a ghost father
I am not expounding
I am not in a cloud of doubt
I am not reassessing
I am not rummy
I am not failing
I am not ham-fisted
I am not riding high
I am not a front runner
I am not an 'also ran'
I am not in your head
I am not out of my head
I am not careless
I am not reckless
I am not skillful
I am not anything
I am not a thing
I am not endangered
I am not small
I am not composed
I am not on my game
I am not footloose
I am not free
I am not Lazarus
I am not reborn

I am not tired
I am not going to play with the cat
I am not contradictory
I am not going away
I am not a machine
I am not human
I am not a poem
I am not a concerto
I am not a parallelogram
I am not rhombic
I am not feigning
I am not baited
I am not a heartbeat
I am not tortured
I am not repressed
I am not boarded
I am not water
I am not brave like you
I am not going to run towards fire
I am not running into gunfire
I am not exploding
I am not dying for you
I am not going to save you
I am not able to fly
I am not a bursting alarm
I am not able to reach your outstretched hand
I am not watching you fall to your death
I am not on a mountain
I am not an avalanche
I am not on my way to the dentist
I am not remembering Paul Harvey
I am not recalling those days
I am not going to remember anything I do not want to remember
I am not your son
I am not angry
I am not going to ask why you asked me that
I am not questioning your authority
I am not overruled
I am not ruled
I am not a ruler
I am not measured
I am not tomato soup

I am not in a can
I am not a pipe
I am not real
I am not surreal, either
I am not confused
I am not on a voyage
I am not bound for glory
I am not hopeful
I am not for technology
I am not a futurist
I am not a rocket ship
I am not seven
I am not striped
I am not five
I am not any year
I am not a plate
I am not a mouthful
I am not childlike
I am not a gallerina
I am not a shopper
I am not citizen
I am not incorporated
I am not around the corner
I am not a mural
I am not a memorial
I am not never-ending
I am not powerful
I am not up to date
I am not watching
I am not hiding
I am not exporting democracy
I am not on Facebook
I am not social
I am not anti-social
I am not on policy
I am not a hatchet
I am not a tree limb
I am not playing nice
I am not an invention
I am not a status
I am not getting my thoughts across
I am not staying in touch

I am not a tutor
I am not a lifetime of stories
I am not a blogger
I am not a wonderful gift
I am not a great-great-great-grandfather
I am not there yet
I am not dead enough
I am not on the page
I am not with me
I am not exhilarating
I am not a giver
I am not going to chill
I am not as fast
I am not as loud
I am not paying retail
I am not jumping in
I am not an estate
I am not dusty
I am not for sale
I am not a squirrel
I am not a cheetah
I am not cheater
I am not victorious
I am not choosing
I am not going home
I am not ok
I am not
I am
I am not at bay
I am not bath water
I am not dry
I am not a warthog
I am not warmth
I am not a candelabra
I am not snorting
I am not therapeutic
I am not making strides
I am not searching the web
I am not amazing
I am not the queen
I am not in search of my next meal
I am not foraging

I am not hoarding
I am not suckling
I am not wild
I am not comfortable
I am not switching mothers
I am not a monopoly
I am not a machine
I am not human
I am not a poem
I am not what you say I am
I am not a phenomenon
I am not a magic bullet
I am not white hole
I am not a public library
I am not getting it
I am not subscribing
I am not part of the public
I am not on the surface
I am not producing paradoxes
I am not knocking on your door
I am not enormous
I am not being viewed
I am not in focus
I am not a galaxy
I am not backwards
I am not changing history
I am not a Luddite
I am not a rate of flow
I am not a mouth
I am not a moth
I am not the same
I am not in a rocket above the earth
I am not on the ground
I am not fast
I am not in the center
I am not moving towards the past
I am not taking you into account
I am not correct
I am not wrong
I am not in Massachusetts
I am not in a gravitational field
I am not on GPS

I am not revealed
I am not possible
I am not in the universe
I am not traveling at the speed of light
I am not far fetched
I am not a worm hole
I am not time
I am not in time
I am not a time machine
I am not in the book
I am not a camera
I am not the universe
I am not messing with Texas
I am not an alien
I am not an illegal alien
I am not around
I am not a competitor
I am not Afghanistan
I am not a brand new computer
I am not compelling
I am not human
I am not a poem
I am not approved
I am not easy on the budget
I am not my own boss
I am not unleashed
I am not ultimate
I am not licensed
I am not a gun owner
I am not installed properly
I am not engineered
I am not unbeatable
I am not cooking
I am not getting eaten
I am not answering you
I am not all the rage
I am not suffering
I am not a parody
I am not based on a novel
I am not a blank slate
I am not a Ouija board
I am not infallible

I am not a bow and arrow
I am not a tango
I am not tangling
I am not done with that story
I am not a man
I am not a dirty old man
I am not looking at your chest
I am not hitting on you
I am not in two parts
I am not hurt
I am not an escalator
I am not elderly
I am not entertaining
I am not finished
I am not an idiot
I am not noble
I am not a hoodie
I am not a reader
I am not into books
I am not a hub
I am not scary
I am not aligned
I am not a servant
I am not no one
I am not one
I am not granted wisdom
I am not wise enough to see
I am not mistaken
I am not understanding
I am not wounded
I am not resilient
I am not in motion
I am not intelligence
I am not a trinket
I am not worshiped
I am not a traitor
I am not convinced
I am not back-sliding
I am not in Rome
I am not a tractor pull
I am not into Rod Stewart
I am not into football, either

I am not slanted
I am not horizontal
I am not lengthwise
I am not lost in a maze
I am not hoisted
I am not a horse
I am not blind
I am not disappointed
I am not a witch
I am not desperate
I am not seeking redemption
I am not people
I am not crap
I am not lettuce
I am not sucking
I am not a product
I am not chrome plated
I am not a stimulant
I am not lemon
I am not facing north
I am not nude
I am not a malady
I am not a colored light
I am not buying shoes
I am not a customer
I am not shielded
I am not in my own shoes
I am not Milwaukee
I am not an x-ray
I am not lethal
I am not made up of atoms
I am not radioactive
I am not going to tell you anything anymore
I am not the monster you were looking for at the end of the poem
I am not
No really
I am not a monster

This poem was written for the Starlight Gallery and their Open House event Friday, August 3rd 2012. The theme "Monsters for Peace on Earth." When I began thinking of peace seeking monsters I immediately went into my memories of childhood and Sesame Street's peaceful, well-educated, educating monsters. Specifically, my favorite, the forthrightly open, lovably blue Grover seems the perfect method to plot out this poem. So I called upon one of my first-love books, "There is a Monster at the End of this Book, for inspiration. So here is my poem for Starlight, There is a Monster at the End of this poem. It's a bit long, a bit tedious, a tad bit repetitious but all in all – it's a perfect for an infringement festival :-)