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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