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“Do not play with fire” made me want some matches;
I could not be happy until I had matches.

And “This may be hazardous” sounded inviting—
made *this* sound alluring, delicious, exciting.

“This drug is addictive!” but I thought “medicinal!”
The warning predicted my case—quite traditional.

“This product is cancerous” did not suggest cancer,
at least not for me till I harbored the answer.

If Eve had but left the bright apple alone
would the seed for my sinning not ever been sown?

Or am I an old Adam just passing the buck
by not saying no and counting on luck?