



### *The PowerPoint Prayer*

*Creator of circuits, Lord of the laptop,  
 Spirit of Microsoft on high, hear me.  
 Not for myself do I plead,  
     but for those already sitting in their seats,  
     looking furtively at their watches, and waiting . . .  
 Comfort me with fly-ins,  
 Stay me with fade-outs.  
 Spare me the ignominy of calling  
     an impromptu huddle at the lectern, with the  
     Chief Resident and sophomore electronic whiz.  
 Free me from the iron law of Murphy  
     (who is smirking in the second row, I believe).  
 Arrange the thingamabob, also the whatchamacallit,  
 So that, when I scroll down the screen,  
 and then press my finger on that crucial key—which key?  
 the damn thing will actually start!*

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