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Chaos in Sardanapalus' Final Hour

In Delacroix's art, a tale unfolds,
Of Sardanapalus, a story of old,
A king in turmoil, a kingdom ablaze,
In chaos and drama, his final days.
The palace in flames, the sky aglow,
Sardanapalus' fate, a tragic tableau,
His lovers and treasures all to be destroyed,
In this grand artwork, his story's deployed.
The king, in defiance, takes his own life,
Amidst the chaos, the turmoil, the strife,
His lovers and horses, all met with doom,
In this dramatic painting, their final gloom.
The colors are vibrant, the emotions intense,
In every brushstroke, the drama's immense,
The horses in agony, the flames climbing high,
In Delacroix's masterpiece, we can't help but sigh.
But amidst the chaos, a message is clear,
In Sardanapalus' downfall, we find fear,
The consequences of power and pride,
In this dramatic scene, they cannot hide.
For in Delacroix's painting, we're meant to see,
The folly of rulers, the high cost of decree,
In chaos and drama, a lesson unfolds,
Of Sardanapalus, and how his story molds.

