

The Uncertainty of the Poet

'The Tate Gallery yesterday announced that it had paid £1 million for a Giorgio de Chirico masterpiece, 'The Uncertainty of the Poet'. It depicts a torso and a bunch of bananas. ' (Guardian, 2 April 1985)

I am a poet.

I am very fond of bananas.

I am bananas.

I am very fond of a poet.

I am a poet of bananas.

I am very fond,

A fond poet of 'I am, I am' –

Very bananas,

Fond of 'Am I bananas,

Am I?' – a very poet.

Bananas of a poet!

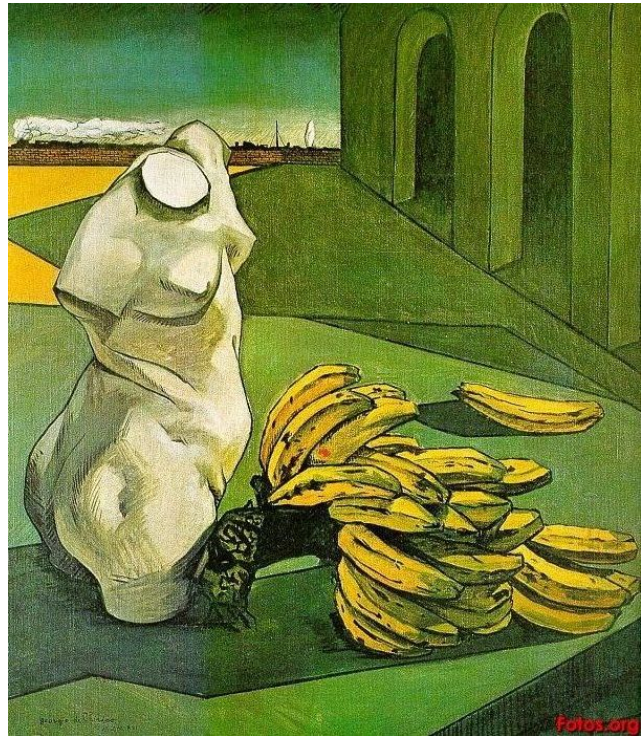
Am I fond?' Am I very?

Poet bananas! I am.

I am fond of a 'very'.

I am of very fond bananas.

Am I a poet?



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