

# Hammer

Does the hammer understand  
that it is nothing  
without a nail to drive?

Does the hammer understand  
that it is just a meaningless  
assemblage of wood and metal  
without an anvil and  
some red-hot iron  
to be shaped  
into a horseshoe?

Does the hammer understand  
that it is merely a  
decorative ornament  
without the rock  
that needs to be broken  
into tiny pieces?

What exactly  
does the hammer understand?

And how long do you think it took  
before the hammer reached  
this state  
of enlightenment?

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