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*poetry by*  
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The single-celled amoeba lives an extraordinary life  
With asexual reproduction there's no need for a wife  
So when the amoeba is ready it can do its own thing  
To produce some intelligent and identical offspring  
The amoeba is envied by its many microbe friends  
You know this to be true if you look through a lens  
Engulfing smaller microorganisms with phagocytosis  
It can absorb or remove water through crucial osmosis  
So when the amoeba decides it is time for the fission  
The food vacuole must provide it the needed nutrition  
The plasma membrane traps what is soon-to-be dinner  
Because within the food chain, the amoeba is a winner  
For us humans from the amoeba grave danger may lurk  
Amoebic dysentery or encephalitis would not be a perk  
It would not be long before you say the amoeba is a jerk  
Maintaining homeostasis is the amoeba's primary goal  
And if you asked why it'd say, "cause that's how I roll"  
Understanding the amoeba there should be no confusion  
Gases like oxygen can enter and leave through diffusion  
And with that being said, we have reached the conclusion.