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Rhymers Almaniac

It is pleasing to see
That my poetry
Can impress you enough that you read it.

I'll say you are gallant
To label it talent
But to write these you really don't need it.

If you never wrote verse
Or your writing is worse
Than the writing you're reading right now

You've got nothing to lose
You may want to improve -
Pay attention and I'll tell you how.

The first general rule
Is to drop out of school
Don't get mangled by theories and facts

Then invest in a pen
(Steal a few from a friend)
Get some paper, some beer, and relax.

Next be sure that you shirk
Any possible work
As you'll need a free schedule to think

When a thought hits a poet
He never would know it
Unless he's relaxed with a drink

Get your head out of gear
Keep it empty and clear
It would help if you're not fully sane

There are things you can buy
That will keep you quite high
And destroy extra cells in your brain

If you've made it to here
Celebrate with a beer
You are well on your way to success

Plagiarize poems, but just
Those signed "anonymous" -
They were yours all along, more or less

Keep these tips in your mind -
Practice rythme and rhyme -
Let the facts blow away in the wind

And a few years from now
You can rhyme about how
You were almost employed, like your
friends.

Pat Hamilton

LONLINESS

By Kevin D. Nicholson

Enjoy the twinkling of the night,
For their freedoms are assured
Since man cannot extend his
Childish influences that far ... yet.
How very fortunate -
To be viewed but virtually untouchable
Such thoughts form the fantasies
Of the ones who truly realize
The benefits of loneliness ...

LEAF (for dianna)

*A brittle leaf sits
on a cold bench
her moistness drying*

*trees swallow
the man*

*a breeze teases,
she shudders,
sighs and dies again*

By Kwame Dawes



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