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American Life In Poetry

BY TED KOOSER, sliced wide and clean
U.S. POET
LAUREATE, by an errant screw on
2004-2006 the stern.
We mammals are No pain. My legs kick
ferociously protective out blood below.
of our young, and My arms strain
we all know not to against our deaths to
wander in between a hold you up
sow bear and her cubs.
Here Minnesota poet as I lift you, crying,
Gary Dop, without a reaching, to the boat.
moment's hesitation, ---
throws himself into American Life in
the water to save a Poetry is made possible
frightened child. by ThePoetryFoundation
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I lift your body to the org), publisher of
boat Poetry magazine. It is
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beneath. I didn't think- at the University of
-just jumped, just did Nebraska-Lincoln.
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bobbing frame, pushing author, Ted Kooser,
you, served as United States
like a fountain cherub, Poet Laureate Consultant
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Literary Calendar

August 29, 1962: Robert Frost left for a tour of the Soviet Union sponsored by the U. S. State Department, at the age of 88.

August 31, 1688: John Bunyan, who wrote "Pilgrim's Progress" died at age 60 after riding from Reading to London in the rain.

September 1, 1875: The creator of Tarzan, Edgar Rice Burroughs, was born in Chicago.

September 2, 1666: In London, the Great Fire began. It was estimated to have destroyed four fifths of the city after four days.

September 3, 1849: Author of "The Country of the Pointed Firs," Sarah Orne Jewett was born in Maine.

September 3, 1864: Leo Tolstoy imagined he was confronting death when he seemed to be seized with terror in a country inn.

Chasing Rainbows

After a summer shower, often a rainbow spans the heavens. No beauty can surpass this heavenly splendor.

Remember when the promise was: "Go to the end of the rainbow; there you will find a pot of gold."

Chasing rainbows after the shower was delightful, though no treasure was ever found. There was the thrill of crossing the meadows where the clover was wet with raindrops; the buttercups were blooming; the butterflies were feasting on the damp wild flowers; a small cottontail bunny gathered up a fresh treat of sparkling grasses; a song bird in a distant oak tree was heard trilling his love song.

Now today I realize I found a treasure of beauty that cannot be forgotten. Years have passed. The pot of gold is no longer important; but the search for the end of the rainbow is a memory that never fades.

- Johnnie Elma Anderson
Midland, Texas



The pen is mightier than the sword.

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