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CALLAHAN COUNTY STAR SPOTLIGHT WRITERS SHOWCASE

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20 lines,
double spaced or less
Poetry
Fiction or Non
Each entry with brief biography notes. All must be family oriented; no smut, slander or liable material.

WANTED: Poetry and/or short stories for this page each week.

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Poetic Terms:

Elegy: This is a meditative poem, usually subjective. It often is an expression of grief or sorrow.

Ballad: A ballad is a narrative poem, often originating with the common populace, or written for them. It usually has short stanzas. Many times it is romantic and can be aligned with music.

Happiness

On a cold winter morning
The snow blowing outside.
He sets and watches the fire burn
And wishes his loved ones was at his side.
The book he was reading
Slowly falls from his lap.
His eyes slowly closed
As he dreamed of peace and happiness.
The dreams always seem so real
That took him back so long ago.
When there was joy and happiness
And they would run and play in the snow.
Waking seems so hard to do
When the dreams seem so real.
The Lord has a purpose in my life
So I will seek to do His will.

By Bob Harbin

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FAMOUS POET QUOTES

"He lives the poetry that he cannot write. The others write the poetry that they dare not realize."

Oscar Wilde quotes (Irish Poet, Novelist, Dramatist and Critic, 1854-1900)

"Verse is not written, it is bled; Out of the poet's abstract head. Words drip the poem on the page; Out of his grief, delight and rage." Paul Engle quotes

"The most important thing for poets to do is to write as little as possible."

T.S. Eliot quotes (American born English Editor, Playwright, Poet and Critic, 1888-1965)

Literary Calendar

December 5, 1931: The poet Vachel Lindsay died by drinking a furniture cleaner at the age of fifty-two.

December 6, 1886: Joyce Kilmer, the author of the popular poem "Trees", was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

December 7, 1907: Hilaire Belloc published "Thoughts About Modern Thought," that would instigate a well-known controversy and public debate between himself, G. K. Chesterton, H. G. Wells and George Bernard Shaw.

December 9, 1955: Poet Marianne Moore was paid by Ford Motor Company to select a name for a new car design. She arrives at the name "Utopian Turtletop." Ford sends her roses and will later name the vehicle the "Edsel."

Words To Use

Volitation: This is a flight or running away from something.

Weeting: A noun for knowledge this is, probably used in universities on the east coast.

Abditory: Here is a hidden word for a hidden place.

Acedia: It is an affliction causing a loss of interest in any thing, perhaps even the game of marbles.

Blore: A mighty wind is the meaning here. Some think it has been used in Kermit, Texas on bad days.

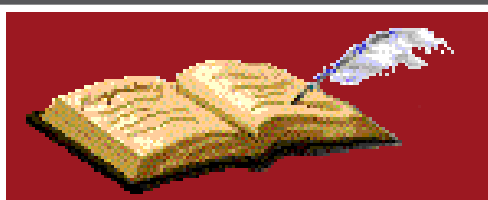
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Any and all ages



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The pen is mightier than the sword.

American Life In Poetry

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

Class, status, privilege; despite all our talk about equality, they're with us wherever we go. In this poem, Pat Mora, who grew up in a Spanish speaking home in El Paso, Texas, contrasts the lives of rich tourists with the less fortunate people who serve them. The titles of poems are often among the most important elements, and this one is loaded with implication.

Fences

Mouths full of laughter, the turistas come to the tall hotel with suitcases full of dollars.

Every morning my brother makes

the cool beach new for them.

With a wooden board he smooths

away all footprints.

I peek through the cactus fence

and watch the women rub oil

sweeter than honey into their arms and legs

while their children jump waves

or sip drinks from long straws,

coconut white, mango yellow.

Once my little sister ran barefoot across the hot sand for a taste.

My mother roared like the ocean,

"No. No. It's their beach.

It's their beach."

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Rhymes for the Rhymer:	beguile
file	prolegomenon
wile	silicon
reconcile	lexicon
domicile	antiphon
exile	polygon

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4. Each submission should be typewritten, single spaced, with author's name and contact information in the top right hand corner. You must include a SASE for the return of the submission.
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