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20 lines,

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Poetry

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American Life Poetry

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

me, fell on my shoulders and hair,

and burst on my cheeks like kisses, and continued to fall, holding me there where I stood on the sidewalk listening.

As I could not move, I had to hear them grow silent, and adjust myself to the clouds and the cooling air.

The mumble of thunder rumbled out of the wall and the smacking of drops as the rain fell everywhere.

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The introduction's author, Ted Kooser, served as United States Poet

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Literary Calendar

June 27, 1880: Helen Keller was born in Tuscumbia, Alabama. A victim of Scarlet Fever at the age of 19 months, she was deaf, mute and blind. She later wrote about her isolated life in *The World I Live In*. Attributed to her is the statement: "I cannot do much,...but what I can do, I will do."

June 28, 1888: Robert Louis Stephenson departed San Francisco on his first voyage to the South Pacific.

June 29, 1613: During a performance of Shakespeare's "Henry VIII", the Globe Theatre in London caught fire and burned to the ground.

June 30, 1936: Macmillan & Company published *Gone With the Wind*, by Margaret Mitchell. It sold 50,000 copies in one day, at one point.

July 2, 1961: Born in a small town in the Black Forest was German novelist Hermann Hesse, who will receive the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Words You Can Use:

Spectocloacaphobia: a noun denoting a condition of fear that your eyeglasses will fall into a sewer.

Roxburghe: a type of bookbinding that features gilt lettering, plain leather backs, with paper sides.

Sesquipedalian: a long word from Latin origins that refers to long words or speeches, often used in elections years by some news writers.

Bathysiderodromophobia: a fear of metros, undergrounds and subways. Even with many fellow rhyme words, it is not often found in poetry.



Something you don't see everyday--a porcupine. Photo by Patrick Ready



The pen is mightier than the sword.

Each entry with brief biography notes. All must be family oriented; no smut, slander or liable material.

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**Pannic
Tannic
Organic
Tyrannic
Volcanic**

**Fenny
Jenny
Penny
Many**

Orange

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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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**As we go down life's highways
The joy and blessing we receive
Comes from a loving father
Who supplies our every need.**

**Amazing love what a blessing
That we may seek and find
That His love is always with us
Through out all time.**

**We know His love is with us
Through out every living thing
The birds singing sweetly
With early morning rain.**

**When they close the final curtains
And your eyes are closed in peace
His amazing love with be with you
Through out all eternity.**

**Bob Harbin
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