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American Life In Poetry

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

Every child can be seen as a miracle, and here Minnesota poet James Lenfestey captures the beautiful mystery of a daughter.

Daughter

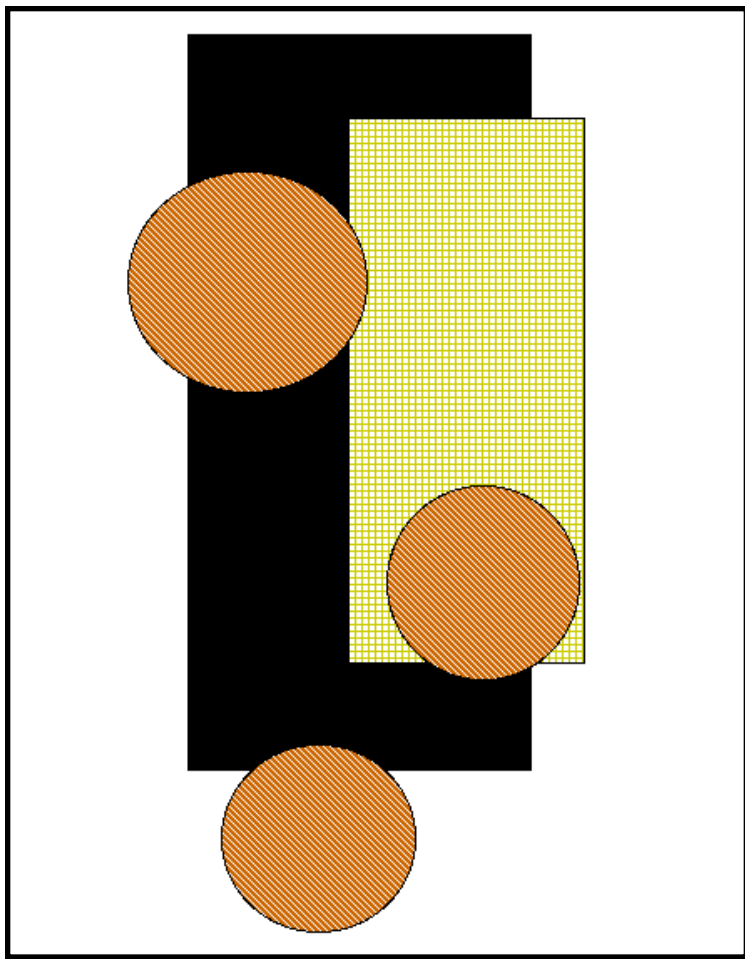
A daughter is not a passing cloud, but permanent, holding earth and sky together with her shadow. She sleeps upstairs like mystery in a story, blowing leaves down the stairs, then cold air, then warm.

We who at sixty should know everything, know nothing.

We become dull and disoriented by uncertain weather.

We kneel, palms together, before this blossoming altar.

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Using A Special Hue

Writing about a thing may be capturing an aspect to it. A banana is oblong and yellow. The characteristics of a thing can represent that thing, as a symbol, or as an emblem. This can be a beautiful "technical theme" in our writing. If you carry it forward, in a short story or poem for instance, you can achieve a richness that is exquisite. Metaphor is the word for some of this usage, and it can be carried for as long as a novel. Try this out for flair!

Literary Calendar

October 24, 1788: The author of "Mary's Lamb" ("Mary had a little lamb..."), Sara Josepha Hale, was born in Newport, New Hampshire.

October 25, 1400: During a plague in London, Geoffrey Chaucer died and was buried in Westminster Abby.

October 28, 1952: Charles Eliot Northon Professor of Poetry at Harvard, E. E. Cummings, began a series of talks that were known as "non lectures."

October 29, 1618: Sir Walter Raleigh, who wrote "History of the World", was executed in the Tower of London, after leading a failed expedition to gather the wealth of Guiana.

Quotes By Authors

The greatest happiness of the greatest number is the foundation of morals and legislation.

- Jeremy Bentham

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.

- Helen Keller

We are never so happy nor so unhappy as we imagine.

- La Rochefoucauld

We have no more right to consume happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it.

- George Bernard Shaw

Harbor of Rest

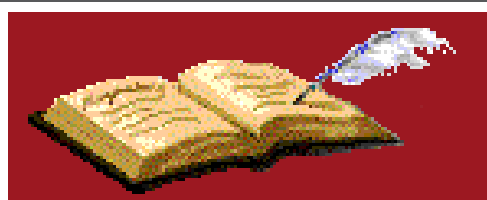
As we watch the waves of sin
Splashing high above the land.
Are we safe in the harbor of love
Build by the Master's hand.
Or are we like little boats
Ever on a stormy sea.
Always tossing to and fro
With no hope of finding Thee?
There is a small voice calling
Echoing across the waves.
"Take up your cross and follow Me
And I will guide your days".
When we finally reach that harbor
And our work on earth is through.
Will the Lord say "Welcome Home
I am very proud of you."
By Bob Harbin

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Any and all ages



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Words You Can Use

Preterist: A person who is too fond of the past

Remungient: An adjective describing animals who bellow more than once, on and on and on

Silurid: Having to do with catfish, perhaps used more often in English-speaking France

Thooid: A relation to hyenas, jackals or wolves

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