

Terza Rima Sonnet

A Terza Rima Sonnet is an Italian form of poetry first used by Dante Alighieri. It consists of 3 stanzas of three lines (tercets) each, ending with a couplet, all written in iambic pentameter (ta DUM, ta DUM, ta DUM, ta DUM, ta DUM) with the rhythm scheme of : aba,bcb. cdc, ded, ee.

After the Rape

Like Mt. Pele, my lava filled brine seas,
exploding with a hiss and hellish roar,
proliferating like a dread disease.

It started deep within my fiery core,
spewed out a glowing stream of flaming rage
to rumble like a thunder bolt from Thor.

Too long confined within a wrathful cage,
the final gasket cracked, the mountain blew,
obliterating all scenes on the stage.

Now smoke has cleared, the new-washed sky is blue.
Lush greenery, bequest of healing rain,
is like a gift from some great Manitou.

Though time has cooled the magma, dulled the pain,
obsidian and blackened ash remain.

Spring

New life begins to spring to life in spring
Green shoots appear in the April showers
Birds migrate back home and rest tired wings

Summer brings green fields full of bright flowers
Paddling pools and ice creams all around
The sun shines fiercely with all its powers

Autumn sends leaves tumbling to the ground
The sun sinks lower leaving longer nights
Conkers and acorns waiting to be found

Winter is a time for Halloween frights
Snow on the ground and Jack Frost's ache
Celebrations filled with festive delights

As winter ends the new year starts to make
New life begins to spring to life and awake.