

Versified Delusions



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Introduction

Versified is a collection of poetry books dedicated to the beauty of poetry forms. Versified Darkness, the first book in the collection, introduced five poetry forms - Acrostics, Free verse, Sonnets, Minutes and Septets. This second book of poetry continues the journey with five new forms.

Within these pages, you will find five different poetry forms with each having its own chapter - Constanza, Rondel, Villanelle, Nonet and Gaines Verse Proper. Each chapter begins with information about the form followed by poems I have written.

Writing Versified Delusions brought many instances of frustration. Specifically with one poetry form, Villanelles. The challenges continued with the Constanza poetry form.

My desire to conquer these two forms is what makes this book a very personal venture. I hope others will challenge themselves in their writing by embracing various poetry forms.

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Chapter One



Constanza

Blackened Sun

March 19, 2008

A world without a sun is fear.
We walk toward light but never reach
the sands of life upon its beach.

We're careless with the truths we hear.
Upon these honest steps we lie
to justify what we deny.

Man's helping hand can disappear.
Your trust in life's a parasite
where leeching souls will find delight.

The darkest lies can persevere.
The stars can guide you toward a cause
while moonless nights reveal your flaws.

The blackened sun's a pioneer.
Through life we learn our lessons well,
survival comes when we rebel.

Chapter Two



Rondel

Cautious

October 2, 2012

I'm cautious of each step I take,
each footprint laid is not in vain.
These words that fall are never fake,
will not repeat the same mistake.

I'm careful with the friends I make
for some you choose can bring forth pain.
I'm cautious of each step I take,
each footprint laid is not in vain.

My heart's not one that can forsake -
this love and honor brings disdain,
while those with bitter tongues refrain -
I'm cautious of each step I take.

Chapter Three



Villanelle

Love's Rejection

March 22, 2008

Bathing in the wrong perfection,
waiting for your serenade -
whispers of sweet love's rejection.

Bitterness, the soul's election,
hollow is this bed we've made -
bathing in the wrong perfection.

Embracing arms for our protection,
on this night your heart forbade -
whispers of sweet love's rejection.

Eyes are blind to your corruption,
lust denied, one kiss forgave -
bathing in the wrong perfection.

Waiting for our soul's connection,
through the light, your lies I wade -
whispers of sweet love's rejection.

How I long for some direction,
foolishness, the price I've paid.
Bathing in the wrong perfection,
whispers of sweet love's rejection.

Chapter Four



Nonet

Freedom's Price

September 22, 2008

Tears will never quench the flames of life
that rage through barren lands. Freedom
has a price - takes a life, yet
never erases a
memory. Balance
is sought with a
vision that
welcomes
death.

Chapter Five



Gaines Verse Proper

Endless Cycle

October 28, 2011

I welcome the dance of death.
Shadows invade my soul
while whispering songs -
forbidden hymns of martyrs.
Life never questions death -
death's aware of time,
time rules an endless cycle.