

## Octelle

### Dearth of Holidays

No holidays after July.  
None in August, September. Why?  
A long time until Halloween.  
Few decorations to be seen.  
I guess Labor Day in between.  
But not a holiday to preen.  
Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter –I  
celebrate Valentine’s Day— sigh.

### Tapping Higher Dimensional Frequencies

Multidimensional being  
with multi-faceted seeing  
dwells within each soul,  
focuses on earthly role,  
exists mostly unaware  
how other lives could compare.  
Multidimensional being  
with multi-faceted seeing.

**Octelle:** First version: 8 lines. 8  
syllables per line.  
Rhyme Scheme: a-a-b-b-b-b-a-a.

Version created by Emily Romano. 8  
lines.  
Syllable Count: 8-8-7-7-7-7-8-8  
Rhyme Scheme: a-a-b-b-c-c-a-a

Second version repeats lines 1 and 2 as  
7 and 8.

## Angels on the Internet

I can send angels by e-mail  
no longer just by old snail mail.  
Images of them winging  
Sounds of magical singing.  
Profound messages bringing  
solace, joy, peace, bells ringing.  
Paper messages now just pale  
unless the Internet should fail.

### Hot Hoop

21 on the hot asphalt.  
Are high temperatures at fault  
that there are fewer swishes  
than sweaty Grandpa wishes?  
James’ shots are delicious.  
Compliments hot James fishes.  
Grandpa rallies. A tie they vault  
so both hot hoopsters by default.

### Hot Grandma

As James and Grandpa jump around  
shaded Grandma sits with slight sound.  
Grandpa’s early shots are sucky.  
James’ shots are more lucky.  
But Grandpa comes back plucky.  
The game is nip and tucky.  
While on asphalt the hoopsters pound,  
playful cool breezes Grandma’s found.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Epic River Float

June 12, 2011 Willamette River Corvallis, Oregon

3000 signed up on Facebook. 120 came.

"We get out on the river religiously. This is our church." Willy Pace

Down cold river, beautiful day  
inner tubes, air mattresses, rafts—  
human flotilla floats kayaks  
and blow-up toys—rope connects friends.  
Hand signals for hazards on way.  
Human flotilla floats kayaks  
inner tubes, air mattresses, rafts  
down cold river, beautiful day.

River unseasonably high.  
Few floaters had oars or paddles.  
Some prepared for their boat to pop.  
Sheriff boats look out for stragglers.  
Improperly geared boats they spy.  
Some prepared for their boat to pop.  
Few floaters had oars or paddles.  
River unseasonably high.

## Double Octelle