

## Quintilla

### For Bill

Bill built his own home in the woods  
amid wildlife -- cougars and bears.  
You take a tour--one of the shoulds  
of scat, trees and flowers, he cares  
for all in his wild neighborhoods.

He's handy with his hands. Craftsman  
of instruments, art-- an artisan  
Photographer's wonderful eye  
woodworker of all kinds and I  
think a fine string musician.

Bill is of liberal bent and  
a creative former hippie  
not afraid to shout loud yippee,  
plays strings and sings in local band.  
He is full of fun and trippy.

A devoted family man,  
fabulous father and good friend.  
Bill writes and he does all he can,  
make us happy to be human.  
so curious to comprehend.

**Quintilla:** 16<sup>th</sup> century Spanish quintain  
Syllable Count: octosyllable- 8 syllables  
Any number of quintains or five-line stanzas.  
Rhymed: Each quintain has only 2 rhymes. It cannot end with a rhymed couplet.  
Possible patterns: ababa, abbab, abaab, aabba  
When there are two quintains it is a decastich and called Copla Real.