

## Redondilla

For Our Son On His Thirtieth Birthday

You were not here for your birthday.  
You were where you could not be seen.  
You died sadly only nineteen  
You are not here or faraway.

We gather on a hill to pray  
You nourish forest. All was green.  
when you died sadly at nineteen.  
We're at place where your ashes lay.

We came not knowing what to say  
to say our lives lost joy and sheen  
for all the years we've lived between.  
We came. We journeyed a long way.

Blue sky, white clouds this special day.  
Our love for you, remains still keen  
since you left us, always nineteen.  
Though tired, open hearts display.

**Redondilla:** 16<sup>th</sup> century Castillian stanzas. Ezra Pound's experiments brought about resurgence in 20<sup>th</sup> century. Syllable Count: 8 per line. Any number of quatrains. Most common rhyme scheme is a-b-b-a. Called a Serventesio when the rhyme scheme a-b-a-b is used.