

Sevenlings

Play After Storms

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Mattie Stepanek, advocate for peace and for all good.
Heartsongs poet, spiritual, philosophical prophet.
Ill for his thirteen years of life, we profit

Deprived of free mobility all of his childhood
inhaling air to aid his vital breath,
he exhaled love until his death.

He is being considered for sainthood.

Sevenlings: Created by Roddy Lumsden inspired by Anna Akhmatova.
Two triplets and a single line. 1st three lines contains an element of three.
Three statements or list of three details, names or possibilities.
Next three statements connect directly or indirectly .
Final line is the punchline.
No set metrical rules. Rhyme is desirable in this short form.

Sevenlings should be mysterious, offbeat or disturbing giving the feeling of a story being told. The poem should have an ambience with the reader.

Lumsden did not title his poems but I like titles.