

Aquarian

“Chain Reaction” Conundrum

Paul Conrad’s Sculpture
at Santa Monica, California

Chain-link
piled like cloud—
atomic mushroom bombs’.
Statement

against
nuclear war
“eyesore”, “symbol”, “Icon”
or “junk”.

People
climb it. Salt air
erodes, eating away
sculpture.

Annoyed,
awed, inspired,
confounded what to do.
Save it?

Chain-link
fence keeps people
back, but sea gnaws structure,
weakens.

Conrad—
a cartoonist’s—
statement serious not
funny.

Sculpture—
historical
landmark—is costly to
preserve.

People
disagree. Own
chain reaction. Some want
it saved.

Others

would break the links,
feel the sculpture just big
and black.

Conrad’s
son raising funds,
sees gravity and thinks
cool thing.

Glowing

Bring light
so all can see,
sparkle in the darkness,
be shine.

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1. Any number of stanzas.
2. Syllable Count: 2-4-6-2
3. Unrhymed