

Couplets

Crack Up

There is a crack in everything
That's how the light gets inLeonard Cohen

I'll try to be a crackerjack of poetry–
a safe cracker to creativity.

crackle the surface with lines of a poem–
let the light pour out and in.

crack down on distractions and avoid crack-ups,
illuminate darkness like a firecracker with a light-hearted crack.

The crack in my voice could crack open enlightenment,
crackdown on my tendency toward judgments. I'll make wise cracks.

Though I may be considered a crackpot or cracked
that is not what I've cracked up to be.

Without the negative connotations of crack
my cracks will scar the darkness, healing with light.

Couplets:

1. Two-line stanzas.
2. Rhymed or unrhymed.
3. Usually in sequences.
4. They make good building blocks for poems. Sometimes combined with quatrains and stanzas of other lengths.