

La' Libertas

My Swedish Ancestors

- a My grandparents came from Sweden
b My once-blonde hair, blue eyes, pale skin
b comes directly from Swedish kin.
a list going back to who knows when
- 1 Relatives traced our roots back centuries.
2 Following names linked to father.
3 Once distinctions came with child's sex.
4 But when one set of grandparents emigrated,
5 they adopted an old family name
6 that died with a female line.
- b So the new name was genuine--
a revived Varsell from Carlson then.
a All American citizens
b One set-- the other a cousin.
- 1 One pair had four daughters
2 One pair had four sons.
3 I met relatives via computer.
4 Went to Sweden to meet them all.
5 We communicate in English by e-mail
6 I'm delighted to be related to all my family.
- 1 All min ancestry är svenska All my ancestry is Swedish.
2 bleknade från Afrika, så de säger. paled from Africa so they say.

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1. 22-line poem Quatrain, sixain, quatrain, sixain, couplet
2. Syllable Count: 8 in stanzas 1 and 3. Stanzas 2 and 4 unmetred.
3. Stanzas 1 and 2 are rhymed. a-b-b-a and b-a-a-b Stanza 2 and 4 are unrhymed.
4. Final couplet in any language except English.