

Lai Nouveau

The Dark Side of the Moon

Asteroid-gouged moon
inhabited soon
we think.
Perhaps opportune
to send a platoon
or plink
our troops to bestrewn
with science. Festoon
asteroid-gouged moon.
Inhabited soon?
Others
beat us to moon boon?
Aliens maroon?
Druthers?
Inhabited soon—
asteroid-gouged moon.

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Variation of French lai.

1. All the five syllable lines rhyme- a Capital A is repeated line.
2. All the two syllable lines rhyme- b or c. Capital B is repeated line.
3. Syllable pattern is 5-5-2 for sixteen lines. Can be two 8 line stanzas.
4. Rhyme scheme is: 5A1-5A2-2b-5a-5a-2b-5a-5a-5A1-5A2-2c-5a-5a-2c-5A2-5A1