

Loop Poetry

Spring Sapling

- x A lone leaf clinging all winter
a fell in a recent storm onto the wet grass.
x Sapling tethered to rusted pipe with cords
a to support spring budding, **alas**.
- x **Alas**, black mulch mounds at its base
b surrounded by rain-lush lawn.
x A blue, plastic tag dangles from spindly branch
b fading in dripping **dawn**.
- x **Dawn** reveals green moss pimpling bark
c on adolescent truck struggling to grow.
x Today a gentle rain tamps up-reaching,
c gangly limbs like a beloved teen I know.

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Attributed to Hellon

1. Invented variation of 17th century French chain verse.
2. Written with a minimum of two stanzas with the number of lines at poet's discretion.
3. Unmetered.
4. Rhyme Scheme: x-a-x-a x-b-x-b etc. X=unrhymed. In couplets x-x a-a
x-x-x-x- b-b c-c x-x-x-x x-x- d-d
5. Chained by the last word of each stanza being the first word in the next stanza.