

Rondeau

On Ocean Waves

a On ocean waves new species float
a tossed by tsunami, current, boat
b lapping our shores and left to stay
b with little help to put away.
a Arrivals are the storms' footnote.

a The invasive species connote
a danger. While volunteers devote
b time to clean hardy stowaway
C on ocean waves

a Debris kills marine life, promote
a pollution of sea . Shore remote
b from place where the people survey
b what is there and what's underway.
a For invaders what's antidote
C on ocean waves

Rondeau:

1. French form. Three stanzas of 10-15 lines total.
2. Syllable Count: Either 8 or 10.
3. Rhyme Scheme: Only two rhyme schemes in the poem. Rhyme scheme varies with the number of lines in the stanza. An example a-a-b-b-a a-a-b-C a-a-b-b-a-C
The C is the refrain line.
4. A half line refrain which begins the first stanza's first line and forms the last lines of the second and third stanzas.
5. Other similar forms: Rondel. Roundel, Rondelet and Rondine.