

## Triquain

Vigil at Agate Beach, Oregon

June 21, 2012

- 3      Tsunami  
5      tourists walk toward dock.  
9      migrate like seagulls which fly with kites.  
12     They cluster around and some climb the sea-tossed dock  
9      know this bit of history will soon  
6      be dismantled, await  
3      new debris.
- 3      Tsunami  
5      detritus on shore  
9      Japanese possessions lost with lives.  
12     Sixteen thousand people mourned, tons of goods missing.  
9      Magnitude of loss overwhelming  
6      as tides roll in and out  
3      surround dock.

### Triquain:

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1. Seven line stanzas. Heptastich.
2. Syllable Count: 3-5-9-12-9-6-3
3. Rhymed at discretion of the poet.
4. Can be written as a **chain** of two to four Triquains. The last word of the stanza is the first word in the next stanza. It is optional.
5. Can be written as a **crown**. Five stand alone linked stanzas. Last line of each stanza is repeated as the first line of the next stanza.
6. Can be written as a **swirl** joining the stanzas and eliminating the beginning 3 syllable line of each subsequent stanza. 3-6-9-12-9-6-3-6-9-2-9-6-3