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Writers' Challenge!

In our previous issue where we did a showcase of Magnetic Poetry, we continued the theme for our Writers' Challenge and gave you the opportunity to win one of the following Magnetic Poetry kits: the Original, the Poet, the Artist *or* any foreign language kit you chose. The challenge was to write a poem about your passion for poetry; entries could include themes of serendipity, inspiration and what poetry means as a powerful, expressive medium. The winner of this challenge is Tim Reed, with his entry "Poetry Simply Is". He has chosen the Poet kit as his prize and his piece is featured below. Honorable mention goes to Neal Whitman. We wish to thank everyone for their unique pieces and for showing their passion for poetry.

Poetry Simply Is

by Tim Reed

Poetry simply is...
doing nothing to define itself
other than being what it is.

Poetry is my port in every storm,
the destination of sunbathed days,
the beacon, brightly beaming,
even in the darkest of the dark.

Poetry is a safe haven
where I can retreat.

My savior and salvation
when life seems...too much for me.

Poetry is the place where I can...
I can dance and dream and scream
at the top of my lungs whether
in joy...or agony.

Poetry is a friend, a mother,
a lover that knows me like no other,
a place for serenades that
may never be sung.

Poetry is the breath that fills my lungs,
the coursing blood within my veins.
Poetry is the Divinity within,
gracing, touching, and loving
the world without, in its simplest form...
words.

Like I said...poetry simply IS!

Bio- Tim started exploring his poetic gift in 1990. This journey of discovery led him to take a long and hard look at himself, his life and his goals and aspirations for life. While looking at these things, he embraced the gift of poetry within him as an outlet for expression, explosion, and healing. Tim draws on the vast education he earned as a “student” of life experience. In his words, “When things touch me or move me in some way...I write; my writing and life are like a path unfolding before me that’s not mine to question, only to follow. I have found that life is all about perception and often write about my interpretation of ordinary situations that we all experience.” Tim regularly attends several of the poetry venues along the North and South Shores of Massachusetts and feels he has grown substantially as a poet by doing so.

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