

Gigan

Grueling Cruel Poems

April is the cruelest month. T.S. Eliot

April is poetry's gruelest month
as poets try to write a poem daily.

For National Poetry Month poets celebrate
by brain-busting writing marathons,
fumbling fingers on keys or in hands.

April can be poets' cruelest month
as words storm wild weather in minds.

Words do not connect, pattern,
struggle to form, cause angst.

When words don't flow poets find
April is poetry's gruelest month.

April can be poets' cruelest month
when blank pages stare at blank poets,
blanched ideas don't etch to images.

Fueling poems requires stimulants.
Chocolate is my fuel of choice.

Gigan:

1. Invented by Ruth Ellen Kocher. Named for monster in Godzilla.
2. Sixteen lines. No meter, syllable count or rhyme.
3. Stanzas are couplet, tercet, couplet, couplet, couplet, tercet, couplet.
4. Line 1 repeats in line 11. Line 6 repeats as line 12.