

Pantun

Scrap Dealers

Space junk orbits out of control
and lands willy-nilly, causes concern.
Space craft and planes on patrol
hope defunct space debris will burn.

Satellites tossed up. then come down,
cause traffic jams, collide and die.
Aliens dodge detritus and frown.
Rockets and planes afraid to fly.

Target practice or snare in net—
several ways to scrap the junk.
Aliens haven't helped us yet.
Maybe they could steal a big chunk.

Space waste re-enters atmosphere,
does not disintegrate completely.
Aliens could find gold mine here
if aliens pass by discretely.

Orbital debris once worked well.
Earthlings cosmically aware.
But alien monitors tell
other species, "Stay away from there!"

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1. A Malay form.
2. Can be 2, 4, 6, 8 or ten lines per stanza. Most popular is 4.
3. Rhyme Scheme is a-b-a-b.
4. Syllable Count 8-12 syllables per line.
5. First two lines have an opening image. The second two lines create a second image. Often they do not relate.

Petal-Power

*The dependable daisy is a good friend in all
weather. John P. Bellenson*

White blades for wind power whirl
on towers on open land to agitate air.
Beneath a daisy petals stir
on flexible stalk radiating there.

Like plane propellers blades scar sky
transmit sun-driven energy
while daisy un-mars sky,
thrives on sun-drenched synergy.

White petals- stiff or soft
grace landscape with their power.
Both keep our hopes aloft
whether on earth or from a tower.