

Sicilian Quatrain

Cosmic Coincidence

An asteroid veers near the earth and then
meteor shocks Chelyabinsk, injures
1,200 people from blast.
Cosmic coincidence science assures.

Russia has defense factories near there--
nuclear weapons production as well.
Declare no radiation leaks results.
But if found, would they actually tell?

Blinding flash like twenty atomic bombs,
the bolide exploded. Small fragments fall.
Fireball perhaps 7,000 tons.
Thunderous shock wave breaks glass and some walls

People panic fearing the end of days.
Most energy trapped in the atmosphere.
The light for a moment brighter than sun.
No one killed. Many repairs. Much to clear.

Crash left 26 foot crater in ice
of a reservoir outside of the town.
Could have destroyed many lives, futures
like at Hiroshima when bomb came down.

Sicilian Quatrain:

1. Four line stanzas.
2. One rhymed and one unrhymed couplet.
3. Rhyme scheme: a-b-c-b
4. Iambic pentameter or ten syllable lines.