

## Cinquetin

### Inconvenient Muse

My muse likes to wake me at three.  
Turn on the light! Grab pen!  
Reach for a notepad on a shelf quite near.  
Jot the line hastily.  
Writing's hard to read in morning—  
not clear.

My muse likes to wake me at four.  
Click the switch. Fumble pen.  
Notepad drops. I tumble, stumble from bed.  
I write a few more lines.  
Groggily, I tried to record  
what's said.

My muse likes to wake me at five.  
Such a chatterbox muse!  
Several times in each hour she'll come.  
She pokes my brain alive  
unraveling poetry lines—  
welcome.

My muse likes to wake me at six.  
Gets a tad annoying.  
I am of agitated, foggy mind.  
I need this muse-ful fix.  
But I snooze fitfully, mindful  
I find.

My muse wakes me up at seven  
just before alarm.  
I scratch down another line for her sake.  
She invades dream heaven,  
brings me back to Earth and poem  
awake.

## Movers and Shakers

Earthlings gave Earth a make-over,  
ignore nature's warnings.  
This progress coup grew, to spew, subdue  
our nature, take over.  
Earth is left to make or to break--  
to rue.

Cinquetin: Created by Ernest Murrell. 6 lines. 40 syllables.

Syllable Count and Rhyme Scheme: 8a-6-10b-6a-8-2b

Line 1 rhymes with line 4. Line 3 rhymes with 6. Lines 2 and 5 do not rhyme.