

## Constanza

### Grandparent's Empty Nest

When it's grandparent's empty nest  
will it be somewhat easier  
than when children leave for sure?

Will all the issues be addressed—  
teenage angst resolved and endured?  
Is communication insured?

Will we enjoy a little rest  
from keeping up, watching, worry,  
entertaining in a hurry?

Creativity is best  
how to fill the extra down time,  
new endeavors, visits are prime.

But we know that we have been blessed  
with holiday gatherings, trips  
and still "I love you" from our lips.

### Mini-Museum

On shelves, walls and ceiling wait  
angels' promise, color and joy  
created art work or as toy.

On covered tables fairies bait  
curiosity and delight  
Fantasy makes reality bright.

In glassed in cabinets await  
childhood toys and new collections  
bringing memories, reflections

On bookcase shelves the mini's fate  
of Christmas decorations here  
now means they can stay up all year.

Room to room our spirits elate  
seeing miniatures displayed  
their creative beauty arrayed.

Miniatures to contemplate  
as they continue to amaze  
everywhere family, guests gaze.

**Constanza:** Triplets. 3 line stanzas. Created by Connie Marcum Wong  
Five or more stanzas. Each stanza can be read as individual poem.  
The first lines are mono-rhymes. The remaining couplet rhymes.

Rhyme Scheme: a-b-b a-c-c a-d-d a-e-e a-f-f  
Syllable Count: 8 syllables per line.