

## Duodora

### Finding My Father's Journal

My father's words  
written in a journal  
found by my brother  
many years ago, lost  
in storage, retrieved.  
My Father wrote my Mother love letters  
and love poems over more than fifty years.

My father's words  
when spoken were stories  
of fairies, tall tales.  
Silent Swede mostly,  
he worked long hours,  
Secret whispers to others—unfaithful.  
I recall wounding words brought many tears.

**Duodora:** A quatorzain=14 lines. 2 septets of 7 lines.  
Line 1 of the first septet repeats as the first line of the second septet.  
Syllable count: 4-5-5-5-5-10-10 4-5-5-5-5-10-10  
Rhyme scheme: A-x-x-x-x-b A-x-x-x-x--b  
Invented by Dora Tompkins.