

Fib Series

Procession of the Species

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For
Earth
Week kids
wear costumes
of animals and
parade hand in hand down the street.

Pigs
sheep
lion, dog
ladybug,
rainbow tiger, crab--
any living thing- Sequoia.

Hand
in
hand they
walk with the
animals others
would consider their enemies.

Pig
with
leopard
holding the
rainbow tiger. Masks
conceal smiles, open faces grin.

They
are
part of
something big--
doing something to
honor the planet and creatures.

Fib Series: Any number of stanzas with 1-1-2-3-5-8 syllable count sixains.

Ponderings

Guess
my
growing
grandchildren
means I'm getting old.
These tweens and teens sprout and blossom.

Each
time
I see
them they have
developed something:
thoughts, attitudes, body changes.

Fibs Duo

Birds in Their Little Nests Agree

She
walks
the curb
a fledgling
flier– shawl winging
balance–swooping sidewalk or street.

Beak-
like
fingers
peck at trash.
Arms nest bottles, cans
to buy her meager crumbs of bread.

Home
to
store she
migrates. Toes
long to worm in park.
Green satiates concrete-dulled eyes.

Fibs Trio

When Expectation Is Round

He
was
waiting
for her at
noon, his mind licking
lollipops, lemon drops by pounds.

At
one
crumpled
hope strewn, hid
angel cake flops, hid
cookie jar now is gobbled down.

At
six
spinach
on plastic
spoon, not hungry he
then hops after a ball he found.

She
is
a popped
balloon whose
string drops worm-like to
melted chocolate candy ground.

Fibs Quatro

Changeable Plates

We
used
paper
plates when kids
were small, can break them.
Disposable after they're used.

It
was
handy,
colorful
for celebrations,
and coordinates with the themes.

No
fear
breaking
tableware.
Matches with the cups.
Napkins patch beside plate like quilt.

Now
we're
older,
break inside,
risk breakable wares,
and use ancestral fragile plates.

I
learned
to use
beautiful.
irreplaceable
dishes—precious- like who use them.

Fibs Cinco