

Quintain

Buena Vista Ferry

New ferry now in service
crossing the Willamette River.
Used by vehicles and bikers,
local farmers still deliver
on this ferry's convenient route.

If the water level was too high
tug boats came to help out.
Hard time pushing ferry up-river
but if too low worry about
gravel bars. Loaded ferry drafts two feet.

English Quintain: English. 5 lines. Lines 2 and 4 must rhyme while having a similar number of syllables.

Astoria's 200th Birthday Bash Astoria Oregon, May 2011

Astoria is the oldest settlement
west of Rocky Mountain in the U.S.
Cake, candles, ceremonies, merriment--
entitled to celebrate, I guess..
Two hundred years is hard-won achievement.

Liberty theater, trolley, Riverwalk--
part of cultural diversity--
Scandinavian foods. Japanese talk
with Chinese of fire, adversity.
Fish canneries die when salmon runs balk.

Sicilian Quintain: Sicilian. It is like a Tanka.

Syllable Count: iambic pentameter or 10 syllables per line.
Rhyme Scheme: a-b-a-b-a