

## Rondeau

### Pulsating at the Rim of a Black Hole

Star hesitates at black hole rim,  
consults with concerned seraphim.  
Galactic orbiters are near.  
They try to steer away from here.  
Star had checked it out on a whim.

A helpful host of cherubim  
saw puzzled star out on a limb  
Now the outcome becoming clear.  
Star hesitates at black hole rim

If confused star wants to still glim,  
the poor star's future appears grim.  
"Don't be a black hole pioneer!"  
"Pull from the hole, bright engineer!"  
Star hesitates at black hole rim.

Rondeau: French form. Refrain and rhymes.

Traditional Rondeau: 3 stanzas. 8 to 10 syllable lines. a/b rhyme scheme.

1<sup>st</sup> stanza: 5 lines

2<sup>nd</sup> stanza: 4 lines

3<sup>rd</sup> stanza: 6 lines

Capital A is refrain of same line.

Rhyme Scheme: A-a-b-b-a a-a-b-A a-a-b-b-A