

## Rondine

### Sphinx Faces KFC

Giza's puzzling sphinx–lion/man  
is built mostly of seabed lime.  
Monument endures over time  
crumbing in encroachment urban.

In City of Dead winds– withstands,  
assaulted by tourists and grime.  
Giza's puzzling sphinx eternal

Restoring the best as they can–  
victim of water, sand and crime.  
Largest sphinx flakes to dust –sublime.  
Poets, painters, presidents scan--  
Giza's puzzling sphinx eternal.

**Rondine:** 12 lines. Three stanzas.

Syllable Count; 8 per line.

Rhyme Scheme: a-b-b-a a-b-R a-b-b-aR R denotes a refrain.

Sometimes the first two stanzas are run together.

The refrain is made up from the first few words or four syllables of the first line.