

## Troisieme

### Writing a Lai Before Dawn

From darkness of sleep an idea  
enlightens me awake with tercets  
and couplets in only two rhyme schemes.

I swing my legs to bedside and jot  
in my journal the words that prod me  
from my dreams to my poems to page.

I scribble barely readable words--  
handwriting hard to read in daylight.  
I record what the muse has sent me.

The words interrupt my sleep for many hours.  
By dawn over fifty stanzas shine for me.

**Troisieme:** Created by Viola Berg. 3 tercets and a couplet.

Syllable Counts: Lines 1-9 are 9 syllables. Lines 10- 11 are 11 syllables.

Unrhymed.

First Tercet is an introduction.

Second Tercet is an expansion

Third Tercet is a parallel or contrast.

Couplet is a summary or a conclusion.