Stanza Practice

To Spring

O THOU with dewy locks, who lookest down
Through the clear windows of the morning, turn
Thine angel eyes upon our western isle,
Which in full choir hails thy approach, O Spring!

The hills tell one another, and the listening   *5*
Valleys hear; all our longing eyes are turn'd
Up to thy bright pavilions: issue forth
And let thy holy feet visit our clime!

Come o'er the eastern hills, and let our winds
Kiss thy perfumed garments; let us taste   *10*
Thy morn and evening breath; scatter thy pearls
Upon our lovesick land that mourns for thee.

O deck her forth with thy fair fingers; pour
Thy soft kisses on her bosom; and put
Thy golden crown upon her languish'd head,   *15*
Whose modest tresses are bound up for thee.

Stanza's = _____   Stanza Breaks = _____

How many lines does this poem have?   _____

Returning, We Hear The Larks

Sombre the night is:
And, though we have our lives, we know
What sinister threat lurks there.

Dragging these anguished limbs, we only know
This poison-blasted track opens on our camp -
On a little safe sleep.

But hark! Joy - joy - strange joy.
Lo! Heights of night ringing with unseen larks:
Music showering on our upturned listening faces.

Death could drop from the dark
As easily as song -
But song only dropped,
Like a blind man's dreams on the sand
By dangerous tides:
Like a girl's dark hair for she dreams no ruin lies there,
Or her kisses where a serpent hides.

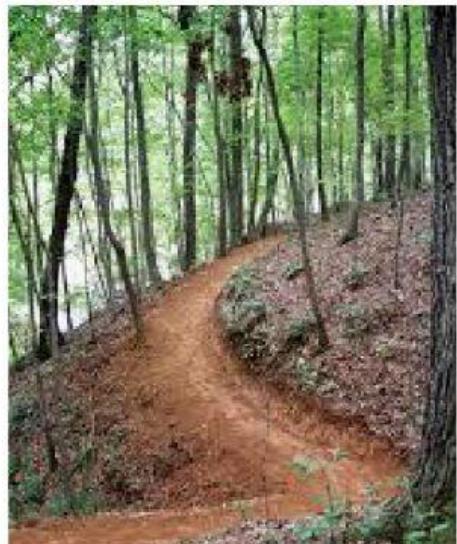**Stanza's = _____   Stanza Breaks = _____**

"The Trail"

Slippery the trail is.
And though my tires are fat, I know
The danger of the narrow track.

Pumping my straining legs, I only know
This devil-hellish trail must lead somewhere good-
To a place of ease.

But pain! ruts-ruts-strange ruts.
No! trickish grooves tampering in my path.
Slippery holes luring me in to painful death.

Mires could evolve from sure ground
As could death traps-
And evolve they did,
Like ruthless spider from tunnel unaware
Upon innocent victims.
The path slick, the trail rutted, the way treacherous,
But I would not trade it for the world.

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