Word Bank (Word Scramble) Poetry

Can be made from random words generated by a group of people

OR

words taken from a nonliterary text



#1 Create a word bank of 20-30 words

#2 Goal: Try to use all the words in the word bank for the creation of a poem.

3. Let the words expand your creativity into uncharted territory

4. Share

Word bank:

Reflection sounds version angry answers voice exhausted

Wound meal night vision rocks celebration bullet time

Distant friend images rules boundaries healed

Photos free honor funny birthday treat pretend clock us

Poem created within 15 minutes. Two passes through for clarity and corrections. One read through with minor corrections.

Reflection on the Departure

We had our final meal last night.

It was not my birthday,

there was no celebration,

no funny photo to mark the occasion,

no joyful voice to announce a surprise,

but rather a presentation of an unwanted treat,

that told me that the clock had stopped

for us.

That, finally, we would both be free.

I was not angry, for the rocks had

hit the windshield long ago,

shattering my vision

of what it meant to honor vows

rules that we pretend to follow

but we no longer shared,

boundaries overrun by weeds

exhausted sounds that no longer had meanings

in conversations, arguments that produced

no answers until that dinner was finished

the bullets were fired,

the wounds made

that will be bandaged,

healed over time,

when the memories are distant images

of a former friend

you once had dinner with.

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