


"count me in"

Janet Kuypers'

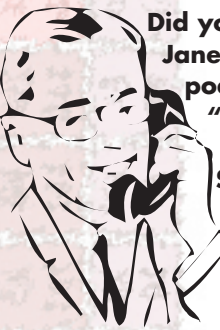
"Periodic Table of Poetry"

at Blue Bettie's Poetry Reading


live set 20121117



Have a groovy time
with poems from
"the Periodic Table
of Poetry"!!!



Did you hear?
Janet Kuypers'll read
poems from her
"Periodic Table of
Poetry" set at her
Saturday Nov. 17th
feature at the
Blue Bettie
Poetry Reading!



That's just swell!
I always like her
good poetry,
but this way I
also learn a
thing or two!
She only reads
those poems in
features, so count
me in! I'll be there!

011: Sodium

It's funny that something
so common on this Earth,
the 6th most abundant element,
something so common
that it's usually found
mixed with the ocean water...
It's funny that something
so common on this Earth
was actually used as currency,
given to ancient Roman soldiers
in addition to their wages.
The English word for it
was even derived from "salary",
derived from "salarium"
for the wafers for payment.
In Medieval times, "sodanum"
was used to relieve headaches.
And the element name
is probably derived
from the Arabic "suda"
for headache...
It is in the soaps we make,
and we add it to the food
we eat. It has been used
in making and bleaching paper,
it's in water softeners,
it's used in compounds
for industrial cleaners,
or even as a tissue dissolving agent.

It's funny, how we have it
in kosher, iodized and rock forms
in our kitchen.

So I guess it's fitting
that this silver-white element
(which does not occur in nature
but is derived from it's compounds),
it's amazing that
this abundant element
has been used in so many ways,
from creating soaps
to industrial cleaners
to even dissolving tissue...
To even flavoring our food.
In us animals, Sodium
is even needed for nerve impulses
generated in our cell membranes.
So yeah, it makes sense
that if Sodium's so needed,
and Sodium's so abundant,
we'd use it in as many compounds
as we possibly can
to make our lives better.

015: Phosphorus

I didn't know how much I needed you.
I didn't know how essential you were to me.
I didn't know how my creation depended on you.

Even though I barely see you,
even though you seemed barely there for me,
even though I got rid of you whenever I could...

I didn't know that even though
you were barely there,
you were there... just enough.

Like Venus, I only saw you from afar.
Like what is in DNA, RNA, ATP, you are
like me, all the way down to my cell membranes.

When I think of you,
when I breathe in the oxygen around me,
when your phosphorescence illuminates me...

Then I realize your true power.
Then I realize you're the light bearer.
Then I realize you're my morning star.

Though you seem toxic,
though you seem explosive,
that's apparently the spark that gets me going.

So, remember that you give the Earth life.
So remember, you can always light my fire.
So, remember that since you have that charge

you can also help us destroy ourselves.

029: Copper

The metallic taste in your mouth
isn't just copper.
I know you think you know the taste,
but lick a coin,
since most U.S. coins are usually three fourths
that element...
But that taste is probably from your blood.
Metal elements
like copper, iron, those are the
elements
coursing through your bloodstream.
They give you
that "copper" taste in your mouth.
Learn the difference.

It's funny that you think copper,
since it's
the base of the "Copper Age", where it
existed
over ten thousand years ago in the
Middle East,
later throughout Asia, also Africa. And
the element
is so commonly used on Earth,
conducting both
heat and electricity, used in construction.

Do you feel
any of that heat, after that electric
charge,
do you feel it in the construct
of your body
from that copper taste in your mouth now?
I mean, copper
is a trace element in plants and animals,
and the human
body even contains one milligram of
copper per pound.

But you know, the thing is, what's
really funny,
if you want to be technical about it
and break it down,
is that the copper jacketed bullet
was not invented
until Lieutenant Colonel Eduard Rubin
of the Swiss Army
used it in eighteen sixty two, and the first
Google search
for "copper jacket bullet" actually produced
the link to
"Making Your Own Copper Jacketed Bullets".
Because you see,
even though there is copper in blood,
I made
my own copper jacket bullets, so nobody
could trace
the bullet that was just shot through your
mouth
and is now lodged precariously close
to the base
of your skull. Actually, it's really funny,
if you think
about it, tasting copper in your mouth.

038: Krypton

So, riddle me this, Batman...
(Wait a minute. That's the wrong
superhero reference.
Let me start over again...)

Hi there. I've been trying
to wrap my head around this one,
maybe you can help me out.
Now, I don't know a ton
about superhero mythology,
but Superman — he's from
the planet Krypton, right?
And from what I'd infer,
Krypton would have a lot
of Kryptonite — Kryptonite
comes from Krypton, right?
So if Superman is from Krypton,
why would Kryptonite
be his weakness?
I mean, that's like saying
the planet Earth has Oxygen,
but humans have an adverse
reaction to it. I don't get it.

Okay, okay, i'm sure Kryptonite
is the ore form of a radioactive
element from Superman's home,
but really, if they'll name
this bad-for-residents thing
a version of the planet's *name*,
it really makes you wonder
why.

And when it comes to *this* planet,
Krypton is colorless, odorless, tasteless...
and our own air, the stuff we breathe,
even *contains* fractional *amounts* of Krypton.
And if on Superman's home planet
it was the radioactive ore of an element,
I guess it makes sense that here on earth
Krypton is used for fluorescent lamps,
or even in high-powered gas lasers.

But the one thing I thought was cool
was that Krypton is also used
in small photograph flashes,
and in high-speed photography
(you know, for a brilliant white light
source - good for the photo minor
who even had the license plate
"J PHOTO 1" for her first car)...

And if I so got into the brilliant
white light Krypton creates in flashes,
I also then thought it was excellent-cool
that the different colors in neon signs
are often *all* Krypton, too...

So whether or not Krypton
is where Superman came from,
all I can say is that
Krypton has a certain brilliance
right here on earth too.

046: Palladium

"Have you ever been to the Palladium?"

He asked me,

so I asked, "The one in New York?"

"No..."

"Oh, the Hollywood Palladium? No."

But the thing is, after the success

of the Hollywood Palladium,

New York converted the *Academy of Music*

to the Palladium in '76,

there are Palladium theaters in San Antonio TX.,

St. Petersburg FL, Detroit MI,

High Point NC, even Worcester, MA.

Sorry I haven't been.

I was actually thinking

about how as an element

Palladium is a rare and lustrous silvery-white metal

(like other other platinum group metals),

and although it is primarily used now

in catalytic converters, which convert

up to 90% of harmful gases from auto exhaust.

Palladium is also used to make

fine-art black-and-white prints,

and Palladium even plays a key role in technology

used for fuel cells, combining hydrogen and oxygen

to produce electricity, heat, and water.

And the thing is, Palladium has been used

for jewelry as a replacement for platinum...

You know, I think it would sound kind of cool
to say you have a diamond set
in a Palladium band
instead of a platinum one.

I mean, it would then have one more thing
to make it worth talking about....

Then he asked me,
"Would you rather have a Palladium diamond ring
or perform at the Hollywood Palladium?
And I thought about it for a second,
then answered,
"I'd rather perform at the Palladium.
The ring is just a thing
I could get at any time."

Then I saw the news,
stating that platinum was about
to skyrocket in price,
and I thought,
"wait a minute,
now might be a good time
to get that Palladium jewelry,
before the price of Palladium
goes up too..."

028: Nickel

"Nickel for your thoughts,"
he said to me.
So I had to ask,
"a Nickel?
Why?
Because the penny's undervalued?"
And he said,
"Maybe it's because
your thoughts
are worth
so much more
than a penny..."
And I thought,
'great, five times more,
but it's still
only a nickel...'

Besides, a nickel
is only about
twenty-five percent
nickel
in the first place.
But then again,
even though
it's three fourths
copper,
the cost of the metals
is worth more
than the coin itself.

So maybe
I should take him up
on his nickel offer.
Then I could say
my thoughts
are worth something.

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