

M E G A

R E A D I N G

JANET KUYPERS 4/13/13

"PERIODIC TABLE OF POETRY"

7 MINUTE LIVE SET IN CHICAGO

TOUCHING COBALT

#027, CO

BASED ON "US, ACTUALLY TOUCHING"

We toasted our anniversary
with Cobalt blue champagne glasses
after we looked over the Cobalt
and tungsten wedding bands.

Seems fitting,
since I am so attracted to you,
that we're drawn to Cobalt,
one of the most magnetic elements.

I heard a physicist explain
that when two solid objects
are pressed together
they never actually touch.

Now, I can't imagine it,
but maybe,
because electrons repel
all objects remain one molecule apart.

That must be why,
when we embrace
I want to hold you
tighter and tighter —

because I want to defy
the laws of physics
and feel that contact with you
as long as I possibly can.

Because right now
 I don't care about electrons,
 keeping us one molecule apart.
 Because...

When it comes to Cobalt,
 it's 27 protons and 32 neutrons
 are would tightly together
 with a strong nuclear force...
 Its nucleus' binding energy
 is so strong,
 that it only breaks apart
 once it is broken down
 into its isotopes.

It won't break apart
 in it's pure form.

Kind of like us,
 I suppose,
 how we seem to be
 so bound by physics.

Physicists say
 that solid objects
 can never actually touch.
 And I'm sorry,
 but when it comes to us,
 that just can't be.
 Because I want to experience you
 with all of my senses.
 I want our molecules to intermingle.
 I want us to actually touch.

B I S M U T H

#089, B1

BASED ON THE POEM

“BEAUTY IN THE EYES OF EINSTEIN”

I heard NASA scientists say
that Albert Einstein dismissed some of his theories.

That Einstein didn't like some of his theories
because he thought they weren't beautiful.

And it makes me wonder:
what is beauty?

Is it how the silver-pink hue of Bismuth
tarnishes into an iridescent oxide
refracting colors from soothing pink
to bright yellow
to a deep blue?

Einstein believed
“The most beautiful thing
we can experience
is the mysterious.
It is the source
of all art and science.”

And scientifically,
no other metal is more naturally
diamagnetic than Bismuth.

I know, I know, Bismuth is diamagnetic
and it's not the magnetism of Bismuth
that causes the Aurora Borealis
from the Earth's magnetic field...

But trust me,
from what I've seen,
no other element
can naturally produce
such an awe-inspiring
brightly rainbow-colored
stair-step crystal.

So we ask, what is beauty?

They say that beauty
is in the eye of the beholder.
So, it makes me wonder.

C E S I U M

#OSS, CS

BASED ON "HUMAN CONSTRUCT OF TIME"

Is this the best of times?
 Is this the worst of times?
 Or is this just
 one of those times?

Only humans understand time —
 where did all the time go?
 Do we even know?
 Time slips away
 as we look for ways
 to keep time every day
 right down to the nanosecond.

Because without my Cesium,
 I couldn't be so obsessed
 with being on time
 for absolutely everything...

Without Cesium clocks,
 everyone would be forced
 to be their clueless selves
 when it comes to their time
 in this global village...

We can thank Cesium-133
 for producing identical radiation
 at exactly the same frequency,
 which makes Cesium perfect
 for the Cesium atomic clock
 that monitors time globally
 in such perfect detail.

Perfect for my obsession with time.

But I have to remember
 that with Cesium or without,
 time is only a human construct...
 I'll need to check my watch,
 and remind myself of this
 at times like these.

C A D M I U M

#048, GO

BASED ON THE POEM
 "YOU'VE ALREADY PAID FOR THIS"

The battered woman
 entered the all-night
 gas station/grocery store.

The attendant sees
 the man waiting in the car.
 He looks
 tense and angry.

The attendant looks at the woman.

"Marlboros,"
 is all she said.

The attendant glances at the car,
 then looks at the rows of cigarettes
 over the counter.

The woman says,
 "it's for my husband."

The attendant asks,
 "Which kind?"

The woman absent-mindedly says
 "Red."

The attendant
 reaches for the package.

The attendant thinks
 that even though there is more
 of the poisonous Cadmium
 in the food we eat,
 the Cadmium's easily absorbed
 when you breathe it in
 through these smokes.

Studies have even found links
 between Cadmium and cancer,
 the attendant thinks.

So the attendant looks at the woman
 hands her the cancer sticks,
 and thinks,

"you've probably
 already
 paid for this."

Even though Cadmium
 is used for pigments,
 or nickel Cadmium batteries,
 smokers get four to five times
 more Cadmium in their blood,
 and two to three times
 more Cadmium in their kidneys.

The woman closes her purse.
 The attendant closes the register.

Give it time,
 was all
 the attendant thought
 as the woman left.

I wanted plants around.

She always had plants around,
everything thrived with her.

Ever since she died
my home has become a jungle.

Let me have control over this.

Let me add water nearly daily
to the plant I bought when I visited her,
or to the tree she gave me years ago.

Add plant food to the water.
Because I don't want anything to die.

Trim the dried leaves,
because they would remind me
that even nature misses her.

M A N G A N E S E

#025, MN

**BASED ON THE POEM
"BECAME A JUNGLE",
REFERENCING THE POEM
"EVERYTHING LIVES
WITH HER"**

Keep plants near windows,
they need their light.
Their Manganese needs it
for their chlorophyll production.

Actually, their Manganese assimilates
the carbon dioxide in photosynthesis.

So breathe in our carbon dioxide
and give me more
of my precious oxygen,
so we can realize
how we depend on each other so.

Actually, I should stock up
on Manganese plant supplements.

I'll make sure you get everything you need.
I'll make sure nothing happens to you.

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