

Reflection

I have always wanted to write a poem but after this experiment, I know I do not want to write a poem anymore. The conventions mentioned in this document really restricted me. I mean to say that not because of the poetry itself, but because I always agonizes over the idea of spending so much time trying to follow conventions. I think this is a feeling that writers identify with in which the process of writing feels like the world *really* hates us. I felt that “writer’s feel” more strongly when I was writing the sample only because I have never tried writing a ‘proper’ (meaning non-free form poetry) poem before.

Nevertheless, I still enjoyed writing other parts of this experiment especially the genre analysis. During workshop, T mentioned to look more into the genre. From my research, I was surprised to learn about metered verse that made up a narrative poetry. As mentioned in the genre analysis, I thought what differentiates a narrative from a narrative poetry was the use of metered verse. It was amazing to see that stresses were able to create rhythm and sound in poetry. This is such a complex technique that comes with experience and experiments which dispels the myth poets are people who seems to have ideas constantly being passed to them.

I have to admit that this is a very ambitious experiment that I have underestimated. In the proposal, I mentioned that I would like to see how well the original piece of writing can be rewritten as a poetry. Now I know poetry does not do the original piece justice. There are so many words needed to discuss the idea of dependency and independency. Hence, restricting this idea into a ballad is not a good idea. Maybe the idea can be conveyed more aptly by using straightforward narrative poetry.

With all this being said and looking ahead to the final project, I know I am not going to extend this experiment to its finished form. What I have learned from this experiment is that, people major in poetry for a reason and they do not just merely “sit around, read and write all day.”