

ENGL 313: POETRY WORKSHOP

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"Art is about choosing to do something skillfully,
caring about the details, bringing all of yourself
to make the finest work you can."

—Rick Rubin, *The Creative Act: A Way of Being*

For our first class, write a poem to share with all of us:

- 9-11 lines, 7-11 syllables per line
- mention a color; some weather; a sound you love; an historical figure
- address yourself by a nickname you used to have or wish you did
- mid-poem, mention another person, but only for that one line
- ask a question two lines from the end; don't answer it
- last line, answer a question (but not the one you asked)
- make the title a specific place

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