

Echo Poems

Henry Who

Henry who loves fun and danger
and asks what grieves Victor so greatly
who is nurse and friend
who is pillow and glue
whose loyalties often lead him astray
is too keen to forget the flowers in spring
who tells Victor his recovery would give him the most gratification
who tells Victor his trip would be very delightful
whose ambitions allow him leave
can't be together with his friend

Ten Pin

Yesterday I sat in a crowded place
full of adults shouting and kids sweating
and I was one of the children there who
sometimes got up to play some kind of sport
where you pick up a smooth and weighted ball
and, to the roaring cheers of the adults
you swing it in a haphazard movement
up, forwards, backwards, down, up, down, forwards,
and then you let go, let the weight go free,
go free a room's length towards a triangle,
a triangle of strange and oblong shapes;
and then it was my turn, and up I went,
I picked up my blue sphere with three fingers
and I swung like the others and let go
and it traveled in a curve down the path
and the shapes flew wildly as they were hit
and the adults started getting louder,
raising voices in the clamorous room
but they all stopped mid-yell as they observed—
and I saw with a feeling of dismay—
a pin in the far right corner, rocking,
rocking slowly sideways, righting itself,
and it remained there, strong and defiant,
the sole survivor to my wrecking ball
and a wrecking ball to my bowling game.

A Journey of Computer Languages

To the fundamental logic and the basis of the digital world:

To electrical manipulation and unintelligible digits in binary,
To bitwise operators and commands and compiling in Assembly,
To legibility and practicality and memory access and segfaults in C,
To object-oriented programming and better memory management in C++,
To a broad range of built-in libraries and functions and cross-platform support in Java;

To the far reach of the ever-growing Internet:

To web technologies and layout options in HTML,
To styling and animations and pseudo-elements in CSS,
To scripting and interpreted code and front-end capability in JS,
To server-side access and file manipulation and sessions and cookies in PHP,
To back-end scripting and JS-style code and dependencies and websockets in NodeJS;

To the land of data storage:

To database management in SQL,
To markup-style and strict formats in XML,
To blog-standardization and XML-style markup in RSS,
To JS-style objects and broad support and easy formatting in JSON,
To more flexibility and ease of understanding and a growing standard in YAML;

To specialized dialects and abstractions for all needs:

To scientific computing and mathematics in FORTRAN,
To engineering and mathematical simplicity in Mathematica,
To terminal use and file access and navigation in Bash and Batch,
To a conglomerate of languages aimed towards web applications in CFML,
To esoteric programming and Internet memes and uneducated language in LOLCode;

From the archaic kingdom of:

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public class HelloWorld {1
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println2("Hello, World!");
    }
}
```

To the modern domain of:

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HAI 1.2
CAN HAS STDIO3?
VISIBLE "HAI WORLD!!!!!"
KTHXBYE
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¹ ignore non-character symbols

² read as "print line"

³ read as "standard IO"