

POEM OF THE WEEK

THE 4 "C"s

Were the four "c"s insufficient
Or mislabelled? Where does
Change fit in. Does Change
Fit in? Where? How?

What's a "C"? A question of context, perhaps
Yes, true, context, a personal context
I have for the past few decades
Measured my life in a matrix of "C"s

More specifically, I have characterised events and
periods in my life with a poem, Its title, a word
Beginning with "C". The first (poem) was written
In a state of shock and despair. I was 20 at the time

It was called, "When the Battle is over"
I later changed the title to become "Chaos"

The second was my response to a death
Of my wife. We had been together 27 years
It was my first experience of dying and death
The response, write a poem. It worked the first time

Thus emerged a poem, I later re-named "Chance"

Eight years later death struck again, or should I say, intervened
"Jolly cricket bats", I said: I've got this in hand
(like the fool I was, I could not understand the impact
It had on my life). Yes. it was difficult and demanding

It was not unexpected. Neither death had been unexpected
The Biggest, baddest "C" of all, Cancer was responsible for both
A third poem? The pattern had been established
This poem was to become known as "Choice".

Bad things happen, without a "why" and an empty whole
Needs filling. What choice does one have? Accept and heal, or
Embrace death itself, leaching life its vibrancy and colour
Yes, we have choices; always, we have choices

The final poem, "Cosmic Connections" required
no specific event or stimulus
After having tossed "chaos", "chance" and "choice"
& "Cancer" aimlessly around in my head

It became attractive to cast them
As a form of cosmic unity
A meaning to life,
A principle that as much as one rejects it

It retains an emotional appeal

Of late, I have been re-considering
Is there one more "C" to be added?
Change? It has some similarity
To "chance", but is less random

So, the matrix of life is within
The boundaries of chaos, chance, choice
Cancer, Cosmic connections and change?
What do you think?

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