



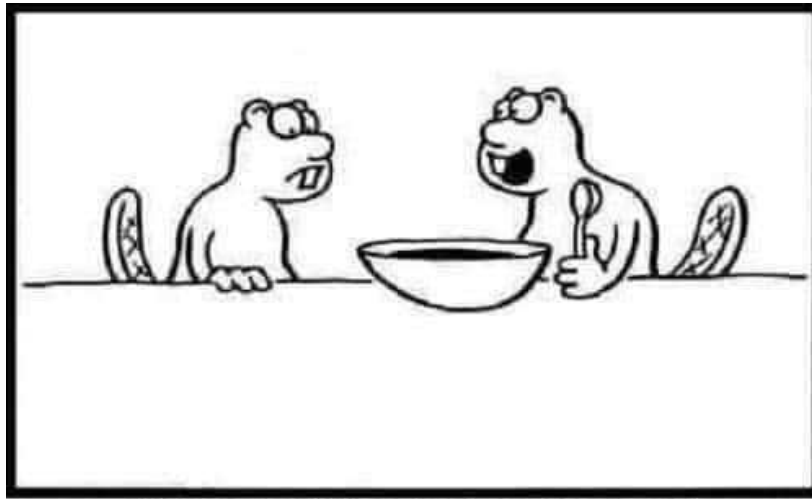
Cynthia Saarie



Hello, Friend!

March is for Spring!

I love flowers. The picture above is of Japanese Wisteria. It's pink where all of the Wisteria I've seen is purple. I have two different plantings of Wisteria on an arbor my brother-in-law, Rich, built for me. One plant blossoms each year. One plant blossoms once in a while. Somewhere I read if I put a lot of phosphorus on my garden bed that would help. I throw my banana peels in the garden. I haven't thought or remembered to fertilize it until the spring when it's supposed to blossom again. Duh? But, we are Into March! And for those of us that have had enough cold gray days, it's a true blessing to feel the sun warming me and filling the air with fragrance. Come on Spring!



**"I've combined a laxative and
alphabet soup. I call it 'Letter Rip'."**

Poetry Lesson for March

This month I have a lesson with a word that always sounds like how a child says part of their alphabet...LMNOP But, really, it's called: **Onomatopoeia**.

These poems use words that make a sound in your mind. Like "POP" - you imagine a popping sound. Or "SLURP" - you can hear in your mind the sound of someone sucking in their liquidy food. It produces images and sounds all in your mind. You "HEAR" the word. Advertisers have used it for years, as in: "Plop, Plop, Fizz, Fizz, Oh what a relief it is!" You remember that sound those large disks make in the glass when you drop them into the water. The cartoon above is similar to Onomatopoeia poetry as the wording creates a cringe in your thoughts of sitting on the john for bouts of... well, you get the idea.

Edgar Allan Poe was a master of onomatopoeia. Here is an excerpt from 1845's "**The Raven**":

• While I nodded, nearly napping, suddenly there came a tapping, As of some one gently rapping, rapping at my chamber door. "Tis some visitor," I muttered, "tapping at my chamber door— Only this and nothing more."

The use of words that are similar, rapping, tapping, napping. They make a reader lulled into a rhythm like on a see-saw...up, and down, and up, and down. it makes, you ride the ride.

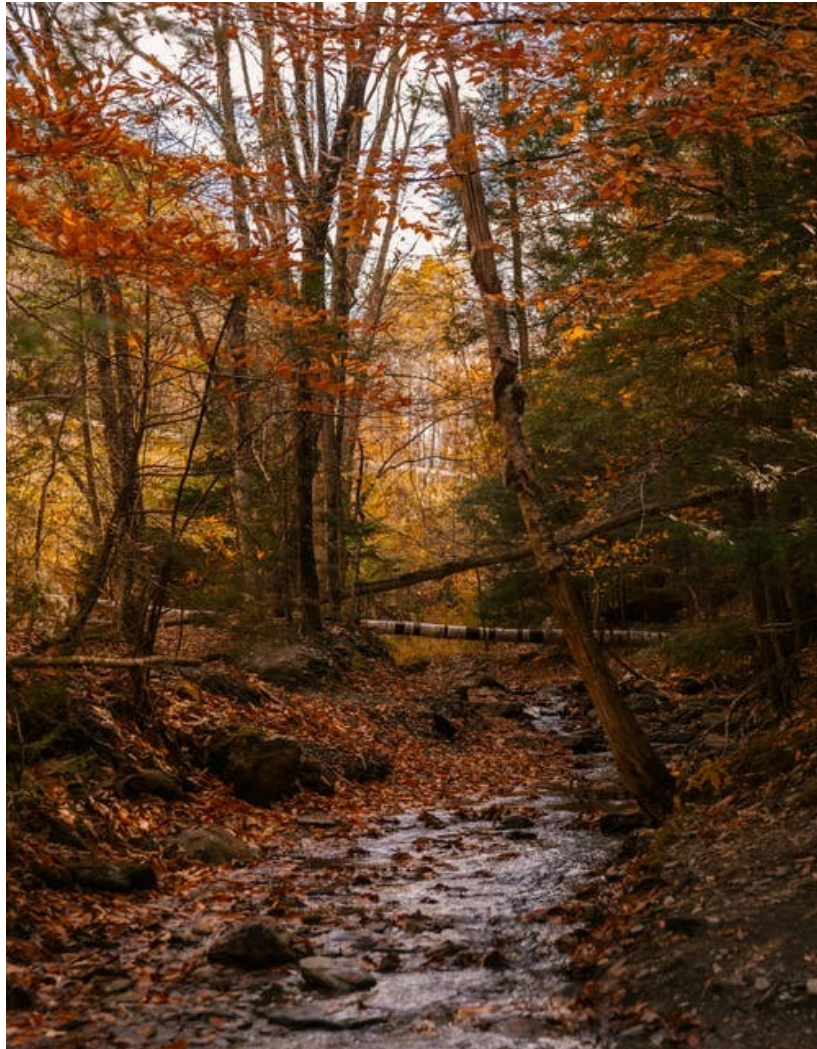
Onomatopoeia poetry is used in a lot of children's books and comic books, as you can imagine why. Here is my offering for March. There is not pattern or meter in the poems. Words have to paint a picture in your thoughts. It's a fun poem to write and I encourage you to give this type of poetry a try.

The Tree

By Cynthia Saarie

***ThaWhumpp - came down the tree
As it toppled in the woods
It rolled and lollygagged its way
Until ending by the brook
Gave up its roll and blending sway
Within the mudflats shook
The winds that blew that finished blow
The babbles of bubbling waters
Brought all the endings to that day
And entered darkness broader.***

Did you hear the picture I painted in your mind?



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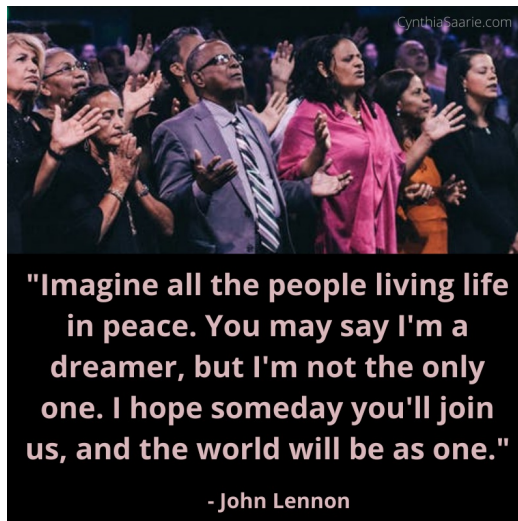
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"The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it."



"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? Yet if I am for myself alone, of what good am I?"

- Hillel



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Rev. Reuben T. Ramdath

I'll be a Certified Lay Minister Soon!

I've been upgrading my education in ministry. I am a certified Lay Speaker for the United Methodist Church, and when I finish my 16-week course, I'll be a fully certified Lay Minister, and now I am caring for my church.

My pastor, Rev. Reuben T. Ramdath, was an Army Ranger, retired after 8 years, and back into seminary to now be our minister and an Army Reserve Chaplain. He was Re-Activated less than two weeks ago and now I am caring for my church with the help of two others in the laity staff. Yikes! A full PowerPoint and hour-long church service, hymns, and a 20-minute sermon are done each week. We are both on Zoom and have safely distanced people in the pews. We have a day we clean and disinfect everything, plus my classwork, study, and prayer time... It's an amazing opportunity. I have done a good job of organizing my time. If you'd like more information on my church, and their website I also maintain, please visit <https://phoenixnymc.com>
Via con Dios, Rev. Reuben! Come home to the USA and your family safe and sound. God Bless.

**Kind regards & enjoy the Luck of the Irish, (I'm half Irish!)
Cynthia Saarie**



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