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By Samantha Barnes

Poetry Editor Hezekiah writes: Cheek is not without currency here (our meager egos cannot resist): Samantha cites the editorial staff in her vary verse. Pinch says, "The girl has pluck." Here's Barnes "Hmm, contrary creature that I be, / I threw my hesitations, / under the mulberry tree." Who can resist there name in print...

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Barnes is a name oft
miss-spelt in my country.

Without the 'e'.

And miss pronounced Baroness,
as in Your Highness.

So do I dare
do this?

To open my ruminations
to your scrutiny and to those of keen mind,
with more extensive vocabulary
than me.

'I' may be correct grammatically.
But 'me' sounds so much better,
you see.

Hmm, contrary creature that I be,
I threw my hesitations,

under the mulberry tree.

Where they belong indeed.

After all, if a fine, somewhat eccentric

band of editors, boast the surnames;

Ball, Pinch, Wang, Quehl, Hands and Sretch

There is hope for me,

you see.

THE POET SPEAKS:

At home alone, under lock down, a ray of sunshine cast a slice of welcome warmth on Samantha's tiled lounge floor. Sam was struck by the thought that she, like the sun, could share some sunshine. No poetry academic, when asked her stylistic influence, Samantha responded with 'inside of me'.

Poetry is special, because it is an expression of being human; a form of exploration. No subject is off limits. Poetry is subjective, while powerful in its ability to connect and convey a message. Oh, and of course (Samantha's words) she is inspired by journals such as Fleas On the Dog and their publishers. Because in them she has found her tribe and we all need that

AUTHOR'S BIO:

Samantha Barnes lives in Port Elizabeth, a coastal city where the wind blows a lot so the air is clean and fresh. There are beautiful beaches and friendly people. Sam lives in her imagination much of the time which is a good quality in a writer. She is unleashing latent talents during lock down and rather fancies herself as a pastry chef and when lock down eases, wants to sing in a band. Sam wishes readers joy, peace and miracle breakthroughs.