



Free Verse Honoring Foxglove

Foxglove Blooming Begins Boldly in May
Stellar Spikes by Summer Solstice
Prolific Seedpods in Late Summer
Tall, Beautiful, Attractive
Wide Palette of Pink Pastels
White and Yellow Outliers
Stamens Supporting Pollinators
Self-sowing Biennial
Aka Digitalis purpurea
Along Old Rock Walls
Root Bound in Stone Crevices
Thriving in Tiny Soil Pockets
Arising in Contractor's Spread Gravel
Persistent with Drought
Robust with Heavy Rains
Abundant at the Lucas Road Farmhouse
Formerly the 1700s Aiken Farm
Present in Hardwick Founded in 1739
Foxglove as Early Settler's Medicine
Leaves Decocted for Rheumatism
Flowers Boiled in Butter to Dress Scrofulous Sores
Digitalis Drug Derivative for Heart Ailments
Teaching Today Dictates Plant is Poison
Gardeners Cautioned to Wear Gloves and Goggles
Wikipedia States Very Toxic
Why More Fear of Plants Than Pills?
Respect and Thank Foxglove
Guide Children to Admire without Touch
Let Foxglove Live and Resow
For Future Generations