



This writing prompt was developed in conjunction with Lightbox interviews with [Jamaal May](#) and [David Yezzi](#). For more information, please see www.lightboxpoetry.com.

Writing Prompt (courtesy of David Yezzi):

Here's a prompt that was given to me by Marie Ponsot, who invented the tritina form. A tritina is a kind of mini sestina. There are three stanzas of three lines each, followed by a final line, ten lines in all. The three stanza's use the same three end words, and the final line uses all three end words.

The pattern of the end words is:

Stanza one: A, B, C

Stanza two: C, A, B

Stanza three: B, C, A

Last line uses all three end words A, B, C (though possibly in a different order).

Enjoy!