

#6 Miniature Poem
EstherKossoff/June Shipley Memorial
Sponsor: Gert Rubin
Judge: Joyce Shiver, Crystal River FL

First Place Miniature Poem:

Glenna Holloway, Naperville IL

The Unlikely Host

A poem cold-nosed my spine,
Sniffed each vertebrae, fingered upward
like it was playing a keyboard.
Good stuff, fresh
from a high-placed synapse.
Surprising it would emerge
from my musings, willing to settle
for an uncelebrated launch pad.
Maybe it didn't see you sitting there.
Or Billy Collins sailing around the room.

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