

**Original Poem Log # 4**

*One log hides another, as one idea, one chore.  
Many of these you'll provide, I trust.  
Painful, tedious, insufferable, yet a must.*

Date 3 / 30 / 14

Title "The Blue Fish" (Optional; add later? First Idea to Hit you?)

**Context (Required).** When/Where Written? Impetus/Catalyst/Source of Inspiration? Who or What? )

This poem was very spontaneous and very out of the blue. I randomly asked my friend Terry what I should write a poem about, and he said, "Write a poem about me!" So I did. Terry is a very fast swimmer and has red hair, so I titled the poem "The Red Fish." When I finished writing the poem, however, I realized the emphasis of the poem was on the blue fish, so I changed the name of the poem. I wrote the poem based on the title, which is backwards, but it worked. I ended up with a nice little poem about equality and all ending up in the same place.

**Meaning (Required. This is more important than poem itself):** Immediate CM re: the process, the product, your satisfaction/dissatisfaction level.

- 1 What were you trying to accomplish with poem? Theme? One-word ? CM/20 Questions?
- 2 Initial impressions once completed ("...started off good, .lost it"; Satisfaction / Dissatisfaction with it? Other?)

This poem's purpose was to emphasize equality. We are all born the same way, and we all end up in the same place after we die. This means that we are all the same, and all deserve to be treated equally here on Earth. I came out of writing mode very satisfied with my work. I borrowed a Dr. Seuss quote and used it to write a poem about a good, poetic trait. Equality is poetic, and unfairness is unpoetic. This poem takes a particular poetic trait, magnifies it, and puts it in the spotlight.

**Relevance / Allusions (optional):** Connections? Personal experience [Micro]? Historical [Macro]? Lit allusions?

This poem has a major historical context, because humanity is plagued by unfairness and inequality. Tyrants have slaughtered their own citizens, and dictators have killed millions of innocent people. People have judged other people based on unimportant details, not on who they truly are.

**Form (optional):** Anything you tried to do? Nothing? Diction? Poetry Terms? Symbolism? Why?  
In this poem, I began with a Dr. Seuss quote, then made a bunch of three line stanzas. The first line talks about the lifestyle of the red fish, the second line describes the life of the blue fish, and the third line tells how both fish end up in the same place or accomplish the same task., emphasizing how two different types of thinking or mentalities can both accomplish the same feat.

**The Poem Itself** (attached): (Rough Draft Perfectly Acceptable. Need not be a neat copy. Or you may attach draft work if

you desire to show something of process).

## The Blue Fish

One fish, two fish  
Red fish, blue fish

The red fish swims quickly  
The blue fish swims slowly  
Both fish reach their destination

The red fish wins  
The blue fish loses  
Both fish finish the race

The red fish gets all the glory  
The blue fish remains anonymous  
Both fish die as happy fish