

Ouija Poems

Take a quatrain that has four lines with the exact same number of letter-spaces including punctuation.

There are scandals in the soup:
A stew of lewd, dramatic coups.
The same can be said of virgins
Urged to scoop up aged mermans.

Somehow animate the above to be in the shape of a four-sided box (or cylinder). The user shifts phrases back and forth, and when a proper combination is hit, the following "poems" appear (see next page).

General rules for making poems:

- if more than one word are made of a vertical line, the space must be in the proper spot
- no words can appear on lines with punctuation
- words must use all letters in a vertical, even if only two lines are crossed (see first and last line of example 3)
- words must extend outward from the quatrain (i.e. you can't add letters to a line of the quatrain)
- any opportunity to create a word must be taken (can't skip a combination if it can create an English word)
- words must be readable top to bottom
- these are the voices of the dead speaking to you, but never take them seriously

You are invited to find your own, of course! (Or make new words out of combinations already revealed.)

1.

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Urged to scoop up aged mermans.
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2.

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3.

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There are scandals in the soup:
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