

Found Poems – in Fiction and Non

Finding a poem in a prose selection. It may be lifted “as is” and reformatted or words may be deleted, changed, rearranged, etc.

Example:

But it takes time to be able to read poetry. As I was writing this book and teaching, I seldom had time to read. I was telling other people to read but not reading myself because I had to work, buy groceries, do the dishes, and so on. It was too easy to get bogged down in the chores of daily living. I needed to make time each week to sit down and read. Once I started, it got easier.”

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They might not find him
For a long time.
They might never find him.
But that was panic
And he fought it down
And tried to stay positive.

It would be all right.
They would find him
Maybe not tomorrow,
But soon.

Soon.
Soon.
They would find him
Soon.

Gradually,
Like sloshing oil
His thoughts settled back
And the panic was gone.

From *Hatchet* p.54
By Gary Paulsen