

**1. What made you choose this piece for pulp MAG?**

I chose this piece for pulp MAG simply because Jen Currin encouraged me to do so.

**2. Is there anything in particular that you're proud of about this piece, or that you learned while creating it?**

I am particularly proud of this poem because it strays from the usual that I write about, and it really has helped me progress as a poet.

**3. Where did your inspiration for this piece come from? What is the piece's "story"?**

This piece was conceived through a class project. The story was generated by this idea of lack of creativity, and not feeling confident with myself.

**4. What messages/themes do you want viewers to pull from this piece?**

I want viewers to get a sense that as humans, we all have doubt within ourselves that holds us back. But we can persevere if we apply ourselves.

**5. Your use of metaphors is very applicable to the modern-day reader and writer—Scrabble, Value Village, and adhesive letters, to name a few. It gives "Second-hand Poet" a relatable feeling to it that makes the piece stand out among the less 'casual' language often used in poetry (for a lack of a better word). Why did you choose this tone for your piece?**

I think the tone came naturally rather than something I implied to do. I think being relatable was a goal I had in this poem.

**6. What does your creative process or practice usually look like?**

A lot of coffee, jotting lines in my journal during bus rides, and the magical word: revision

**7. What sorts of things inspire you?**

Music, family, friends, and love, to name a few.

**8. How long have you been creative?**

I have always been interested in poetry but have been applying myself since starting creative writing classes. I remember being in Grade 4 learning what a haiku was. It stuck with me.

**9. Have you ever been published before? Where can we find your work?**

Pulp MAG is my first.

**10. Do you plan on continuing your creative pursuits into the future? If so, what does the next project look like for you?**

My goal is to continue writing poetry, and eventually release a poetry book.