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Abstract

Individual Poem Titles: Time Revisited, Says Who

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less; he was often over-effusive and perhaps stressed his points too much. At times he was unrealistic, at others playful or cute. But his vices were the innocent ones of a child. Self-assurance and enthusiasm are merely out of fashion today. For Chesterton can be read if only to refresh minds troubled by the staleness of life, by the chains of regimented depression. In Chesterton they will find a person who hated melancholy and uniformity just as they did when they were children.

ROBERT G. RITZ: TWO POEMS

TIME REVISITED

(with due respect to P. B. Shelley)

I met a traveler from a southern land
Who said: Two vast and rocketless platforms
Stand in the desert. Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk, a battered nose cone lies, which form,
And contour, and steel of cold command,
Tell that its inventor well those passions read
Which yet survive (stamped on these lifeless things),
The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed:
And on the launching pad these words appear:
"My name is Juniper XXVII, missile of missiles:
Look on my potentialities, ye Mighty, and despair!"
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and once-radioactive sands stretch far away.

SAYS WHO?

The soil anchors and nourishes the plant.
The plant grows, propagates and feeds the animal.
The animal accomplishes these and moves about freely.
Man combines all these characteristics . . . and thinks, too!