

FM REVIEW COMMENTS 2013 23

COMMENTS TO EDITOR: I recommend acceptance of the poem A (with very minor revision), and rejection of the poem B. They are both really good poems, but "Pseudocyesis" I feel has more substance beneath the humor.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR: Thank you for these lighthearted poems with a punch. Although we enjoyed them both, we can only accept A at this time, which we consider the stronger of two excellent poems. Please consider reviewer 1's suggestions for minor revisions. Personally, I like the line "He listened to my dismay," but this reviewer has given very careful thought to your poem, so his recommendation on this point is worth thinking about. I'd encourage you to accept his other very small recommendations. Congratulations on such fine craft and use of language!

COMMENTS TO EDITOR II: The author has made most of the requested changes in this poem; and has an acceptable rationale for rejecting one of the recommendations. The author requests that the second poem, which was rejected but did receive pretty good reviews, be accepted as well, perhaps to be published at a later date. I don't have strong feelings about this. I recommended rejection because it was, in my view (and I believe at least one of the reviewers' view as well) the less strong of the two poems. I am trying to be more selective about what the section accepts. However, the second poem is as good as others we've published. It has a rather amusing ironic tone. I will let you make the final call.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR II: Thank you for the changes you made. The poem reads very well now, and requires no further revisions.