

FM REVIEW 2016 33 COMMENTS

COMMENTS TO EDITOR: This is a fairly well-crafted poem. It describes a poignant scene of a poor, disabled, and possibly homeless man feeding pigeons. Reviewers found merit in the poem as well. However, as reviewer 1 pointed out, the poem has nothing directly to do with either family medicine or FM educators (reviewer 2 agreed it was only "somewhat relevant"). Because of the large number of submissions in the queue and with the awareness that we will be receiving all STFM Creative Writing Contest winners as submissions, I regretfully recommend rejection.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR: Thank you for this submission. It is a well-crafted and touching poem. Reviewers liked the image of the man's "his own dove coif unkempt with greasy slicks" and editors appreciated the contradictions contained in the phrase "haggard nurturer." We also very much liked the opening and closing conceit of searching for a poem in the scene that unfolded before you.

Unfortunately, because of the significant space limitations of this column, we must reject many worthy pieces.