

Poetry vs The Internet

Poetry is the mastery of words in all their variations and subtleties to express in an eloquent manner that which cannot be expressed in silence. Emotions of the heart, a looking glass into the soul, a way to make amends, and a way to build vistas exploring humanity and all its relationships. Poetry is all this and much more. Poetry is also much less, and in a more simplified manner, it is only words. Just words. But used in such a way, as to make us think and feel about others, events and things in a way we could never have imagined. Poetry cleanses, fortifies and inspires the reader, while at the same time fuels the creative passions and allows for cathartic emotional release on the part of the writer. Poetry is powerful, poetry is petty, poetry is loving, and poetry is hateful. But above all, poetry is human, it is a reflection of the human experience in all its glory and all its shame. But, it's something else as well. It's words.

It's Only Words

Words are what define the internet. It's not technology, it's not servers, it's not protocols, it's not browser wars. The internet is made up of words. And words are poetry. So, is the internet poetry? In a sense yes. Sure it's pictures too, but words were there long before there were pictures. An internet of pictures would be pretty, but it wouldn't be poetry. It would be thousands of words yes, but what would it say? Words are a business now online. We bid on words, we sell words and information. We sell poetry. Entire industries have sprung up based solely on words. Google is in the word business, as is Yahoo, and MSN. But, these guys are no poets, and long before them there were others in the business of words.

Words Are All I Have

For generations, authors and poets have been in the business of words. For that matter musicians were too. Music is really just poetry with a beat. And these guys and girls have never really prospered from a financial perspective. Oh sure, a few like Shakespeare and Stephen King did pretty well. But just being the tip of the iceberg, there were countless thousands of creative literary geniuses languishing in poverty. Starving artists include poets, writers, and musicians. But hey, it's a new day, and all that can change. The internet has opened the door for artists of all inkling to support themselves with their passions of calling. Few have taken up the gauntlet though. Perhaps, for poets and the like, suffering for their art is core to their being. A cruel but inspirational muse. Doesn't have to be that way though. It's time for the poets to embrace the world wide web, and voice their words to the masses. The internet is about words, and words are about poetry. Arise poets, your time has come. Write you poetic fools, write.

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