

POETRY**ABOUT THE AUTHOR TATYANA VARENKO**

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Tatyana Varenko is a contemporary poetess from Kharkiv and one singular event in the art of literature.

Though born and brought up in the Ukrainian-Russian environment, Ms. Varenko has transcended her linguocultural DNA and integrated English poetry writing into the proud heritage of the national glory. She creates multiple unrealities where dreams and ideas sprout up across the Universe like the roots of Yggdrasil.

Tatyana Varenko writes *par excellence* like Shakespeare, rhymes like Pushkin, loves like Dante, thinks like Machiavelli, and smiles like Nietzsche.

As a professional and scholar, Ms. Varenko devoted herself to public service in public education and public administration at local institutions and authorities in matters of global communication and international cooperation.

Author of novels in verse *Ordeal* (2010) and *Elfineness* (2014) and laureate of international literary awards, she creatively synthesizes realms, religions, epochs, and civilizations to create her exquisitely sophisticated *chefs-d'oeuvre*.

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Prolog

The page is blank before your touch
Until you start to spell.
It's ready to absorb as much
As you intend to tell.

It works this way. Don't be deceived
By what appears true.
All of the moments hence relived
The page remembers too.

Your pain, your happiness, regret,
Your second thoughts and words
Will all be there as you get
In tune with your accords.

Whatever's written leaves a trace
In pages, hearts and minds
Once bits of you have left your grace,
They'll live beyond mankind's.

Life begins

Life begins at the gleam in his eyes
When he tells you he loves you and cares;
Life begins when you quit being wise
When you follow your life up the stairs;

Life begins when the work of your life
Starts to bring the result you've desired;
Life begins when a challenging strife
To achieve something new is inspired...

Life begins at a different age,
And can offer a lot of beginnings.
Life begins when you write a new page
In your life book with multiple meanings.

Life begins at the break of the dawn
When you hopefully look into distance;

Life begins at a beautiful song
That your heart sings to you with persistence.

Life begins at your dream coming true
Or expecting your plans implemented;
Life begins when you feel it anew
When you've done something good, or invented.

Life begins on the threshold of death
When you see you have been an achiever.
Life won't end till its ultimate breath
If you are diagnosed with life fever.

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