

**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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