

# CREATIVITY

If eye and brush are to the canvas led,  
a master's hand commands a color's worth.  
If mind and pen can set a date to wed,  
a poet's pregnant heart appears in birth.

But creativity includes a cost:  
the song, the dance, the figure in a stone  
must find a host, before their dream is lost;  
must wake and rise, before the Muse has flown.

— *David L. Hatton, 1/24/2020*