

Graeco-Latin Square Poetry

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Instructions for Solving Puzzles and Reading of Poem

Place a 1, 2 or 3
in each cell that is free
and also a letter
one of A, B or C

The numbers alone make
their own Latin Square
so each number in each column
and row must be there

Same thing for the letters
but there's still one more thing
to be "Graeco" the square
can't repeat a pairing

Now this is important
it will not suffice
if a number appears with the
same letter twice

This means that each combo
somewhere must appear

you must use this rule
or not solve it I fear

Once you've filled in each cell
and the symbols are paired
you can then read the poem
from the Graeco-Latin Square

Read words left to right
as you normally do
the 1s give the first line
next line's paired with 2

Continue this way
till the words form a verse
but wait you're not done
you must once more traverse

This time use the letters
and reorder this way:
read lines top to bottom
and start with the A.

Sample Poem Generated from Solved Square

1A understand	2B infinite	3C love
2C beyond	3A heart's	1B desire
3B measures	1C reason	2A need

understand reason desire
beyond infinite need
measures heart's love

understand heart's need
infinite desire measures
love beyond reason

GLS Poetry Puzzles

Secrets

		3
silent	reveal	shame
		2B
to	secret	sharing
	A	
protects	never	devastates

Difficult Truth

	3		2B
bruised	humanity	fragrant	waste
fuels	rare	not	earth
4C		1	
evolution's	-death	greenhouse	hour
A			
expires	effect,	at midnight	flower

Write your own GLS poem at: <https://powderflask.github.io/gls-poetry/>