

Len Germinara

Reference Desk

This is the library
I always dreamed
Of dying in

A flower bed
With blooms
I can count on
Returning again & again
 Long after I'm gone

Someone might pick up
The Decameron
From the mantle
Over the fireplace
Long dormant

Sit at my oaken
Roll-top desk
Read about all the ecstasy and irony
Life has to offer

Look at the pictures
The bric-a-brac
Try to decipher
Without the aid
Of a proper codex

The husk left behind

Len Germinara is author of 7 collections of poetry. His work has appeared in numerous magazines and anthologies. He was the 2003 winner of the Cambridge Poetry Award for best narrative poem. Founding member of Spoken Word Nantucket and the Moors Poetry Collective. Len ran a Spoken Word venue on Nantucket for 12 years and one in Southern Massachusetts for 4 years. In addition, he has provided literacy workshops on poetry and bookbinding for a host of schools in Massachusetts and Colorado for over 15 years