

A POEM REQUIRES

Nothing more
than a red 1-subject notebook,
a pencil and eraser,
a mind honest
yet image-craving,
and a large
bucket of words.

Don't worry—
the ones your mother
clunked into the bucket
will be enough.

All in all,
the expense will be
about \$5.

I'm happy to lend
the cash if you
need it.

If you're feeling stuck,
write a pretty sentence
that makes the color green blush.

Break it up into tiny sprinkles,
and arrange them
on the frosted page
in the shape
of a tall gingerbread tower.

Then be sure to sit
up on top
to enjoy the view—
a poem requires it.

If you don't enjoy,
just place it lightly
atop a dusty bookshelf
where no one can see it.