

## **LUNES-**

*Jack Collom Lune:*

According to The Teachers & Writers Handbook of Poetic Forms (edited by Ron Padgett), Jack Collom created his version by accident. It also mentions that as he was, "beginning to work with schoolchildren he misremembered Kelly's idea as a count of 3/5/3 words, rather than syllables." In doing so, he created a new variation of the Lune. As a happy coincidence, this variation made it easier for kids to create Lunes, since words are easier to count than syllables.

***Jack Collom Lune:***

***-Three lines containing a word count of 3-5-3.***

***-A complete thought within those three lines (eleven words).***

The Lune doesn't have the same restraints as Haiku. You may refer to the seasons or not. You may rhyme or not, generally a no-no in Haiku. You may also use metaphor, simile, etc. Which is frowned upon in Haiku - but I occasionally use them in mine because I like them. *Hearing that, Basho (a famous Haiku poet of the 1600's) rolled over in his grave in annoyance.*

When creating Lune chains, I would make sure each individual Lune has a complete thought - just as Haiku chains do. Since the Lune form has few restrictions, I'd stay as true to them as I could.

***Lunes Sampling by M.D. Stefanou***

## Nature Inspired

1. springtime meandering meadows  
    paint a valley lush with  
    expression turned supple
2. peaceful as a  
    sea swell cresting over a  
    full moon reflection
3. the redwood stance  
    shrouded in mist recalls keenly  
    of epochs primal
4. a condor soars  
    suspended among thermals off a  
    weathered painted basin
5. fluffy billowing pillows  
    of cotton poised in blue  
    over land's edge
6. crafty creek slip  
    glistening silhouette slithering at twilight  
    among gurgling moans
7. grains of quartz  
    in the surf frolic together  
    shimmering in joy
8. dangling *brokeoff* pasture  
    gracefully cuddles a rambling stream  
    caressing grass green
9. storms amend heaven  
    grey and dreary then a  
    flash proclaims thunder
10. fluttering butterflies float  
    dancing among myriad flowers blooming  
    intensely fresh fragrance
11. flavors of a  
    mountain meadow brimming with incense  
    on a spoon
12. frisky pup amidst  
    ocean spray and meandering shore  
    in mesmerized devotion
13. crescent moon bemoans  
    its lack luster illumination yearning  
    for complete reflection
14. wind swept shoots  
    descend quietly hovering in somersaults  
    upon an abyss
15. beyond the horizon  
    where sea and sky revel  
    boundless mysteries abide
16. wind gushing unabashedly  
    conducts a rancorous chorus as  
    bushes cry out
17. nestled in fir  
    snow white enchantingly slips down  
    among the sod
18. sand dunes drifting  
    in orderly chaos pile high  
    along shores desolate

## Thought Provoking / Paradoxical

1. lost in thought  
the mood of the moment  
pauses a second
2. amid pointless undertakings  
a flickering of fading truth  
ignites abiding fervor
3. trek in vein  
flow through life with gusto  
rejoice in authenticity
4. lead by following  
riding in tandem a common  
goal is achieved
5. a round corner  
tripped into a square circle  
and tumbled straight
6. curious in doubt  
suspended in recall waiting within  
a pregnant pause
7. communing as one  
instantly separation dissolves for all  
and grace bequeathed
8. honey glazed assurances  
served off nutrient free agendas  
produce empty promises
9. perception makes projection  
realms of reality made apparent  
acutely reside within
10. leaning vertical another  
dollar waits on a dime  
making no sense
11. conflicting cauldron of  
seething shameless sensations warp beauty  
rendering ardor lifeless
12. art unmasking illusion  
cracking and razing cultural barriers  
to the ground
13. sound of light  
frequency shines brightest when in  
sight of veracity
14. striving to individuate  
a profound insanity dwells within  
a misguided delusion
15. form expresses content  
and inward embraces outward where  
heart ache resolves
16. the world is  
curved in the seams yet  
flat as puddles
17. meaning is felt  
in creating through purpose and  
abundantly effortlessness flows
18. forlorn and torn  
between faith and fear forgotten  
are the brave

## Whimsical / Humorous

1. believe in magic  
    where goats boldly graze within  
    the clothing boutique
2. purple sheep mosey  
    surely yet awkwardly unaware atop  
    bright mellow bluffs
3. seven crimson cheeked  
    donkeys dance tutu draped atop  
    a headless pin
4. white as snow  
    tasteless sugar cracking a smile  
    steals the night
5. expel the ink  
    from the pulp then spit  
    out the Pope
6. drive the moose  
    into a deli for a  
    juicy kosher pickle
7. prairie dust off  
    and smoke the peyote next  
    to a cricket
8. toss the sneakers  
    about the mesa and into  
    the ceasar salad
9. grease the monkey  
    and play a melancholy tune  
    wondering aloud quietly
10. insight clearly realized  
    gazing into mystical *milkjuice* from  
    one serpent's eye
11. instinct remains palpably  
    fresh adjacent the raw meat  
    and sweet lilac
12. fire on ice  
    a red pepper spicy delight  
    sizzles the palate
13. tumbling back forward  
    a spiraling bullet of cause  
    embraces its mark
14. throbbing fists flirt  
    twirling sensibly swaggering silly  
    kneading the dough
15. neatly kneeling forward  
    sitting agape in stillness a  
    babbling brook conveys
16. slip into step  
    rhyme with the senses and  
    stare to forget
17. beads of worry  
    wrapping fingers twist and toss  
    anxiously at play
18. downfall of disorder  
    following an upheaval a revival  
    into happy dreams