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POETRY

They're Everywhere by Donna Atwood.....1

In thinking of the circle theme, I started noticing and imagining circular objects in my environment more and more. They became an obsession with me, noticing circular objects everywhere....Thus the title.

Train Cars and Tumbleweeds by Nancy Dickerson.....2

This poem was written after seeing a young child cartwheel across the playground near my house. It brought back my own memories of those carefree childhood times and friendships. The poem revisits those circles we made and compares them with the transition to adulthood in the circle of life.

A Focus on Locus by Douglas Hatch.....4

A circle is defined as the locus of points in a plane equidistant from a given point. I thought I'd look at other loci, as well as a circle, and some of their "characteristics."

The Circle by John E. Lutz.....6

"The Circle" is a free-verse poem translating my straight-line path into the boundlessness of a circle. It directs the everlasting flow of the circle to a sphere; then to the eternity of time; ending with my bemusement as the timeless circle takes a straight=line path back into my life.

Circle of Life by Doris W. Still.....8

"Green Is" lists some possibilities that come to mind with this theme. Ultimately, the poem is about how human beings abuse the environment with little thought to the consequences. The purpose of this poem is to inspire others to live thoughtfully, mindful of the impact of their choices.

Pondering the Use, Misuse, and Abuse of Circles

by Martin A. Sweeney.....9

This whimsical poem pays tribute to the CIRCLE through rhyme, puns, and playful, zany imagery.

Stonehenge by Martin A. Sweeney.....11

When I think "circle," mysterious, intriguing and iconic Stonehenge comes to mind. One of the great wonders of the world, the rings of massive stone on the English plain produce more questions than answers and invite an essay in verse.

Roundabout by Gary Weatherby.....12

This poem evokes some archetypes of circle: circular images within the circle of the poem. Form is content; content is form.

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PROSE

Contemplating Infinity – A Fusion of Mathematics, Physics, and Art
by Jim Weiss.....13

The geometry of polygons, the physics of gravity and water drops, and the mystical art of the mandala provide different paths through the circle, in an attempt to comprehend what infinity means.

The Telephone Closet by Meghan Aagaard.....17

In this scene, we meet an older woman who is returning to a locale from her past; in a way, she is closing the circle of time. Even small things can trigger memories and emotions, bringing us right back around to where we once were.

In a New Soil by Meghan Aagaard.....18

Like the ways of the Earth itself, traveling creates a cyclical pattern. We leave, voyage, return – or sometimes we begin the journey again in a new place. The young immigrants in this story find a way to link their future back to their homeland.

Calculate to the Last Digit by Dale Harris.....20

When I got this idea, I couldn't help but recall an episode of "The Simpsons," where Bart marvels at the fact that Lisa had actually found a practical application for geometry.

The Circle is Broken by Helen L. Leet24

"The Circle is Broken" is a story about a circle of friends who have been friends for many years. Within the circle, one woman is betrayed by another. Three years have passed, and the others in the group have decided to take the matter into their own hands, and to force a meeting between the two. With their circle being broken, there is the desire to complete the circle, to try to mend it so it is complete again. When the whole story becomes evident, the betrayed friend finds it possible to forgive her longtime pal. The circle will be complete again.