Poetry

This program produces random verse which might loosely be considered in the Japanese Haiku style. It uses 20 phrases in four groups of five phrases each and generally cycles through the groups in order. It inserts commas (random — 19% of the time), indentation (random — 22% of the time), and starts new paragraphs (18% probability, but at least once every 20 phrases).

The phrases in POETRY are somewhat suggestive of Edgar Allen Poe. Try it with phrases from computer technology, from love and romance, from four-year-old children, or from some other subject. Send us the output.

Here are some phrases from nature to try:

Carpet of ferns	Mighty Oaks
Morning dew	Grace and beauty
Tang of dawn	Silently singing
Swaying pines	Nature speaking
Entrances me	Untouched, unspoiled
Soothing me	Shades of green
Rustling leaves	Tranquility
Radiates calm	...so peaceful

The original author of this program is unknown. It was modified and reworked by Jim Bailey, Peggy Ewing, and Dave Ahl at DEC.

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10 PRINT TAB(30);"POETRY"
20 PRINT TAB(15);"CREATIVE COMPUTING  MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY"
30 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
90 ON I GOTO 100,101,102,103,104
100 PRINT "MIDNIGHT DREARY";:GOTO 210
101 PRINT "FIERY EYES";:GOTO 210
102 PRINT "BIRD OR FIEND";:GOTO 210
103 PRINT "THING OF EVIL";:GOTO 210
104 PRINT "PROPHET";:GOTO 210
110 ON I GOTO 111,112,113,114,115
111 PRINT "BEGUILING ME";:U=2:GOTO 210
112 PRINT "THRILLED ME";:GOTO 210
113 PRINT "STILL SITTING....";:GOTO 212
114 PRINT "NEVER FLITTING";:U=2:GOTO 210
115 PRINT "BURNED";:GOTO 210
120 ON I GOTO 121,122,123,124,125
121 PRINT "AND MY SOUL";:GOTO 210
122 PRINT "DARKNESS THERE";:GOTO 210
123 PRINT "SHALL BE LIFTED";:GOTO 210
124 PRINT "QUOTH THE RAVEN";:GOTO 210
125 IF U=0 THEN 210
126 PRINT "SIGN OF PARTING";:GOTO 210
130 ON I GOTO 131,132,133,134,135
131 PRINT "NOTHING MORE";:GOTO 210
132 PRINT "YET AGAIN";:GOTO 210
133 PRINT "SLOWLY CREEPING";:GOTO 210
134 PRINT "...EVERMORE";:GOTO 210
135 PRINT "NEVERMORE";
210 IF U=0 OR RND(1)>.19 THEN 212
211 PRINT ",";:U=2
212 IF RND(1)>.65 THEN 214
213 PRINT " ";:U=U+1:GOTO 215
214 PRINT : U=0
215 I=INT(INT(10*RND(1))/2)+1
220 J=J+1 : K=K+1
230 IF U>0 OR INT(J/2)<>J/2 THEN 240
235 PRINT "     ";
240 ON J GOTO 90,110,120,130,250
250 J=0 : PRINT : IF K>20 THEN 270
260 GOTO 215
270 PRINT : U=0 : K=0 : GOTO 110
999 END
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                    POETRY
    CREATIVE COMPUTING  MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY


MIDNIGHT DREARY FIERY EYES, STILL SITTING....
DARKNESS THERE
     NOTHING MORE
PROPHET, NEVER FLITTING, SHALL BE LIFTED YET AGAIN

PROPHET
     NEVER FLITTING QUOTH THE RAVEN
     SLOWLY CREEPING
FIERY EYES
     BEGUILING ME, SIGN OF PARTING
     NEVERMORE
MIDNIGHT DREARY
     THRILLED ME QUOTH THE RAVEN ...EVERMORE


THRILLED ME BIRD OR FIEND
     BURNED
DARKNESS THERE ...EVERMORE

PROPHET BEGUILING ME
DARKNESS THERE YET AGAIN
MIDNIGHT DREARY
     STILL SITTING.... QUOTH THE RAVEN, NOTHING MORE
BIRD OR FIEND
     BURNED SIGN OF PARTING NOTHING MORE
MIDNIGHT DREARY
     STILL SITTING....
QUOTH THE RAVEN NEVERMORE


STILL SITTING....
MIDNIGHT DREARY STILL SITTING....
AND MY SOUL
     YET AGAIN

PROPHET THRILLED ME, SIGN OF PARTING,
     ...EVERMORE
BIRD OR FIEND, STILL SITTING....
 YET AGAIN
THING OF EVIL BURNED
DARKNESS THERE NEVERMORE,
THING OF EVIL
     BEGUILING ME SIGN OF PARTING ...EVERMORE
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