

AN AMERICAN SONNET

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An American sonnet, fourteen lines which
Stand alone; every word is key.
Add unexpected rhyme. A switch
From iambics is okay. Ambiguity
Takes the reader on a sensual cruise
Deciding how it means. Mystery,
Allegory, reference to muse,
The octave problem solved in the sestet.
Flawed like stuttering Moses, choose
An image perfect as Europa's pet
Bull. Leak a few cryptic clues,
Always keeping a theme. Don't forget
A killer couplet—a thought transcending
All thoughts—a notable quotable ending.

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