

Sonnet Scroll

To the Contest Judge

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You take one look and see it is a sonnet.
Okay, I get it. You will look away.
Why should you waste one single second on it?
But hold it. I will try to make you stay
at least another minute till you read it.
Of course, it's up to you. You will decide.
So *be* the judge. Nobody claims you need it,
but you're the one who's always taken pride
in your astuteness and discrimination,
so why let any bias cloud your sight?
If it is crying for elimination,
by all means, exorcize it and be right.
But, if it's worthy, let it stand the test.
Who knows? You *might* decide it is the best.