

## **Pam Rosenblatt**

### **The shy rose**

A rose partially hides behind  
A blurred green leaf, out of focus  
Since the camera's lens is  
    Too close.

Several red-pink petals curl downwards,  
Reveal how this flower has reached  
Its pinnacle,  
    Now descends.

Yes, this rose is a shy one protected  
By its oval leaf that shields it  
Just as a Japanese fan may cover  
    A face.

Illuminated by a reflective black background,  
This close-up image is secure, in glass with  
A slight black  
    Plastic border.

This photo doesn't hang on a wall  
But rests on a desk, against a faded  
Red-green tin Chinese tea box now filled with  
    Pens, pencils,

Slightly blocked by the computer's monitor  
And is more intriguing than even this developing poem  
Found on this Microsoft Word program's  
    Document page.

This rose with its oval leaf caught my attention,  
As I walked about, noting the blue bonnets,  
The daisies, the violets in a neighbor's  
    Urban garden.

It teased my eyes so I took this photo.  
Today I eye the image of the rose, unchanged  
From three years ago, resilient in its  
    Floral setting.