Free Verse Poem Exercise- Rachel Rockenfeller

Tree of Time

A tree standing on the hill overlooking the sea

Here it waits for the sun to descend into rosy waves

Watching for ships to grace the horizon with billowing sails and stories of adventure

Its golden leaves dancing to the waltz of the ocean waves

Here it stands alone and strong

The sorrows and joys of past years show on the bark of its body

The scars of lovers; the dreams of forgotten years

All recorded on the many branches of the tree

Sailors of the world visit this old tree

Here it stands for all eternity waiting and watching

Gaining wisdom and recording time

No one has ever lived long enough to tell of the tree's existence

Here it stands waiting for someone to keep it company

Here to smile, to weep, to love

It will wait til time no longer needs its existence

Here til time ceases to matter

Until the sea swallows the land and all its riches

Until the earth and sky once more unite

When the earth once again becomes balanced

Here until peace is achieved for all mankind