

"DEMI RAN, NAN," ANNA RIMED

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Although end-to-end-palindromic verse that is also rhyming and metrical was pioneered by J. A. Lindon and Howard Bergerson more than three decades ago, very long examples of the form have hitherto occurred only in a short story by George Marvill. Such compositions are not, however, infeasible in reality; the one that follows, in fact, is about twice as long as the longest such effort imagined by Marvill. More challenging than lengthiness in this verse is sensibility, which is courted here mainly at the quatrain level. Briefly, "Demi Ran, Nan, Anna Rimed" is a rhyming and metrical end-to-end-palindromic amphigory of 2767 syllables (a convenient length measure) in 92 quatrains whose rhyme scheme is a-b-a-b with double (feminine) and single (masculine) rhymes alternating throughout, none repeating, and whose meter is trochaic tetrameter in alternating 8-syllable and 7-syllable lines. All personal names used are verifiable as spelled here in sources such as baby-name books. Lines are numbered from the central line outward.

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"Del, brag? *No*, Nan! Not as I'm Ed!
 (Demi *mad* is, Liv!)" Ed drawled.
 "Del, 'braw'? Well, in Nita's time, Ed,
 Del waxed Dennis," Pa recalled.

"Del, 'baff'? *Fibs*, dubs—'tis but slaver!
 Del *war* took on!" Sidra hailed;
 "Del backs art, Mum, God, palaver..."
 ("Deza *fled* war..." Koo retailed.) 176

"Sue, gag Nestor well!" Li wrangled.
 Desa "*Bad* is sugar?" dazed.
 "Sue, gar-nesting, nits-entangled
 Den no *car* has!" Dane amazed.

"Del *gnats* draws, Toms...Toms! No *boot* tips?
 Den way *lax* is!" Dewie bayed;
 "Del, 'gnar'? *Belle*, 'star'? Pose *astute* tips!"
 Des "Sapsago Slade" portrayed. 168

"Relime *so*, Rom; *debone* cargos—
 Des, 'sashay' NOT!" Sidra called.
 "Relift, Eb, big *cod* embargos?
 Nag, Eb...*Selig!*" Shara stalled.

"(On I *do* rob—nowise *page* us!)
 Narwals, Ellen, 'yap'," Des lied;
 "(On I natter! Sam, *upstage* us!)"
 "Des! Serg...*idled!*" I replied. 160

"Reta, cotton *no* enslaver!
 Des, sess *assets!*" Dani snarled;
 "Rot, Al! 'Legal *feline*-shaver'?"
 "DESI WAGERS!" *Libre* gnarled.

"Em yaws *so* rues...*O, hosanna!*
 Des? I'm Russel!" Sidwal fibbed.
 ("Em, yap *not*, now..." tips Dianna.)
 "Des! Sol *gadded!*" Etta ribbed. 152

"Resoled, oldish sin-abider"
 Des sobbed "*Suez!*" Fleet Alf fussed,
 "Resum Astin? Sue, Rip's *nidor!*"
 Deree jelled cod. Simah cussed.

Went O'Gill, "It's trade-born *evil!*
 Der, eel stew is *Deuce*-reviled!"
 Went on Rowen's "Burmese weevil,"
 "Deni? *Pernod!*" Bardo smiled. 144

"So Dan 'rot' was—it's a labor!
Deng is *red*-led!" Eda fired;
 "So! Dab *Mag* 'stunk'?? Nita, *saber!*"
 Dell eyed inseams. Sal Deb sired.

"Ninety also?" hiccups Evah.
 "Del lewd *tapes* runs!" Nat assailed;
 "Nine men in, Di, *drag* sung 'Siva!'"
 "Del, Lot *salt* 'as!" Reva wailed. 136

"Sit, bed-nixer!...Xerxes' pollen,
Delos? No, cur!" Del distilled.
 "Si's *Sass lewd* is!...Nita? *Fallen!*..."
 Derogating, Ade time killed.

Rerips Ada, "'Con'-debater
 Der, oblige us—sit *relaxed!*
 ...*Rerime*, Beryl, '*scintillator*'..."
 ("Dega gnats *keels!*" Ag rude waxed.) 128

"Ana, nab *pot!*" "nob-enrober"
 Dega ranted. Nan revived:
 "Ana, *I'd 'nip'*...Matson's *sober!*
Delia ran it—Stu *connived!*"

"Gad, '*yak odor*'...*Fog* is direr!
Del a '*germ*' is," Noris dubbed;
 "Gad, Yale Demos—an *admirer*?? 121
Den nuts draws, Kaye!" Tart surfs blubbed.

"Retta, fatten Red no wider—
Den, nude, *vets keels*," Nadya panned;
 "Retta, not to '*nim* a spider,'
Den Nepal led; spas *Stan* banned."

("Red nerd,' am I? '*Drag on*, tapir'??
Denney's I'll end!" Lane resolved;
 "Red Nevadan hairy-aper
Del upsets, eh?...") Tales evolved. 112

"Hanna vast carts crude *manila!*
Del, we *matter!*" Tasma snowed;
 "(Anna, Eb's *drab*—no, *vanilla!*")
 "Deni *fed* rage, Rae!" cads crowed.

"Ann, air *A.M.s!*" went on Helen.
 Deni "Poe" saw. Ase rehearsed:
 "A '*nay!*' Ugo's *not 'fat,*' felon!..."
 "Del '*rugs*' *wore*, Sid!" Des reversed. 104

Reva ran, raw... Enfiladed,
 Del Rik's "dismal lire" plied—
 "Rev" Alon saw Mory bladed!
 "Del ways *knows*, kids," Bo sung, snide.

"*Haya* led, not Del? *Do* yatter!
 Del *lags*, sometimes...Row!" Di hazed;
 "Hayer, felines, sadly, matter...
 (Del, O Jacobs, I *debased!*") 96

"Ruta *cedes*, or...*nip* macadam!
 Del lops, *I lop!*" Netta prosed;
 "Rot! A '*lunar*, garish, *sad* dam'?"
 Des, sip *tap* slop!" Sides opposed.

"Al, Liv start on Rettah's melon...
 Des? Sims' *id's* ill!" Ives misled;
 "(Al, Liz *dogs* me: '*Lame* keen Kellen!'...)"
 "Dev or Per bats," Simon said. 88

"Lay Alf's lip upon a *clove*, sir—
 Dev, *omit* 'Taps'!" Reva crabbed;
 "Lay, Art, *Eb* on nylon *wove*, sir..."
 Deb Balboa Mo's trade grabbed.

(*Did* Rod "slam" Sid, for a wager?)
 "Deb bats *last*, Rik!" Deitra pined.
 (*Did* Ros saw "raw"? *Was* I sager?...) 81
 "DEL '*LULLED*' EMIL!" *Snoop* maligned.

"(Al, let's *Del* diss—I'm a *diva!*...)
 Del lugs *loofahs*, Sue!" Rob scorned;
 "(Al, let Afton yell, '*O, VIVA!*'...)"
 "Del a *rat* is!" Si gals warned.

"Rot! *Art's* no mere 'demonstrator'—
 Del, *lap* Pavel!" Dotti hissed;
 "—*Rotatively*, revelator!"
 "Del a...*pard* is!" Delbert "dissed." 72

"Remate Belah? Peer-confider
 Del, I *awe* belles!" Rob allayed.
 "Rima, *nag* not! Dorm-insider
 Dema *fed* Ned!" Del betrayed.

"Revolt! Caper! Even *revel!*
 Demi, Al *cedes!*" Aaron spilled;
 "Rev, oh son, Stan! *Liven* Lev, El!"
 ("Del, Lew *lewd* is!" Rod instilled.) 64

"Em? A damsoned *imitator!*...
 Del, Lem's tartan *was* derived!
 ...'*Mad dab,*' am I? *Detonator!*
 (...Deva ran, Al!)" Tonto jived.

"'Relic'? *I'm 'odd,*' *Amon*-dialer?
 Dev '*arcane*' is!" Eda jawed;
 "Rely, Tris, on *one* reviler..."
 "Der! *Rupiahs!*" Sita cawed. 56

“Tab! Oh, liar! ‘*Dine* down under’?
 (Der, *rum* Ed lifts!) Ed, lost, limned;
 “Tab, old loner, bards *may* wonder—”
 “Deb, bold Reg won *wars!*” Lee hymned.

Ryta, swart, swam... “Mug, *dismay* me!”
 Deb bossed Emils. Sita fleered,
 “Retta, *Pisa!* Draw naves’ *rami!*”
 “Des ‘*revalue,*’ Tess?” “Rat” sneered. 48

“...So Ma *snide* was, Der: ‘Eve *slay* Al?
 Des, rucks *I* fled!” Ker detailed;
 “So, Mae, *kill* Ed...(Did I say ‘*Al?*’)
 Demi Amis “garbage” mailed.

“Mull, Eb, Etna’s *awe*... Si, *lava,*
 Demi, Al called ‘*sun!*’” Gwen knelled;
 “Mull, Evanna, now Ungava—”
 “Des, *sap* Russel!” red Les belled. 40

“Derek, Cid ‘ailed’...Rey was ‘tepid’...
 Dessa *glib* is!...*Sit!*” Sol yarred.
 Derek, cindered, sat, intrepid...
 “Den, Rae *yatters!*” Ali sparred.

“An Oz, Irah, Surabaja—
 Den rubs *amahs!*” Sidni faxed.
 “An ‘*Olé*’...” crabs idle Maya.
 “Der rates ‘*acrid!*’” Dahlia taxed. 32

“‘*Sit?*’ Ill is not *Saheel,* bender!”
 (“Derran, Grey was *begged,*” Lu owned.)
 “‘*Sit?*’ I rue, *no,* gladness-ender!”
 (“Del, I fed Ed *ade!*” I groaned.)

“Reta, Beryl’s made to order—
 Deli ‘*uglied*’ Si!” Rae filed.
 “Retarred, icy lion-warder
 Deb bags *sordor!*” Stevi riled. 24

“Red ‘*ired,*’ Ela, my rotator?
 —Deb! *Bajadas!*” Ti delayed;
 “Red ‘*iced*’ Emo’s *decorator?*...”
 “Dey, Ev *nocks!*” Modest relayed.

“Name Tal’s Astra *drab,* dude-mirer!
 Eda *bit* Tod!” Lex averred;
 “Name *Tab* as a ‘red-inspirer’!...”
 “Denni’s *not* ‘lit,’ Del!” Deene erred. 16

“O, Neronian nail! O, gnomon!
 Denni, Deng is *raw!*” Nap maced;
 “On *I* rot, Mede—it’s an *omen!*...”
 (“Deron, *gig* Em!” sot Tom laced.)

“Otter Olwen, Kyle’s a *blender*—
Deron’s ‘*arid!*’” Nan refined;
 “Otter Bill *lams,* Sam? *Snap* slender
 Dex!” Elf-hater Del, too, tined: 8

“Revie-ceder Ned *enabled*
 Dex!” Evander Eeve paged:
 “Rev, I *anger!* Si came *sabled!*...”
 (“Dex, *I’m* Dayak,” Nell assuaged.)

“*I’m,* alas, sere—*help* me, Tyson!”
 Dex in setose sopor pled;
 “I’m a naïf, fur-faced bison—
 ‘Depilate’ me, taliped!” 0

“No, sib! *Decaf,* ruffian ami,
 Del proposes,” Otes nixed.
 (“Nosy Temple, here’s salami,
 ‘Degauss’ Allen,” Kay admixed.)

“Del-base *Mac* is—Reg, *naiver!*”
 Dega-peeve Edna vexed;
 “Del! Ban *Eden,* redeceiver!”
 Deni tootled. Retah flexed. 8

Red, Nels pans Ma’s small libretto:
 “...Deni, Fern and Ira ‘*snored?*’
 ‘Red Nel’ ‘*basely knew*’ Loretto?
 ‘Decal mottos’ Meg ‘*ignored?*’...”

“Nemo ‘nastied,’ Em, *Torino?*
Decamp, Anwar!” Signe dinned;
 “No, Mongolian nai—*no* Reno!”
 Derree needled, “Tilton *sinned!*” 16

“‘Rerip’ Snider as a ‘*bateman?*’?
 Der, *rev* ‘Axel!’” Dotti bade;
 “Rerime, dud bard! Art’s a *slateman!*”
 “DEY ALERTS ED!” Omsk conveyed.

“Rot! A *roc,* Ed? Some *Decider*
 Dey Al edits!” Ada jabbed.
 “Rotatory male-derider
 Deli *rivets* Rod!” Ross gabbed; 24

“...Redrawn, oily cider-rater
Del, I fear, is *deil*-guiled...
 Red-root *Edam*, sly rebater!”
 “Dena *orgied!*” Ade defiled.

“Redness *end*, Al? ‘Go, neuritis’?
 Den would egg Eb!” Sawyer gnarred;
 “Red *neb!!* Lee has *tonsillitis!!*...”
 “Dex a *tail* had, Dirc!” Ase tarred. 32

(“Ay? A ‘*meld*’ is *Barcelona*?
 Dex a *find* is!” Shamas burned.)
 “‘A’ jab? ‘A’ rush? *Arizona*??”
 Der, *rap* Silas!” Retta yearned.

“Di, ‘pert Nita’s’ *Der!*” Ed nickered.
 (“Der, Ray *lost* is!” Sibil gassed.)
 “Di, *pet* Sawyer!” Delia dickered.
 Dell, Eb’s elder, Les surpassed. 40

“Ava, *gnu* won? Anna, *vellum!*...
 Del, Len ‘*knew gnus!*’” Della claimed.
 “Ava, Lise was *antebellum*,”
 Delia “megabrag” Si maimed.

“Lay as I did, Del—like *Amos!*
 Del, I ate *drek!*...*DEL?*” Fisk cursed.
 “...Lay, Al, severed—*sawed* in Samos!...
 Der, e’en *stars* set!” Eula versed. 48

“I’m arse-*vanward* as I patter—
 Der, eel fat is *slime!*” Des sobbed;
 “Em, yams I’d gum—” “Maw straw, satyr!”
 Den, my *heel’s* raw now!” Gerd lobbed,

Red now; “Yams, drab Renold, lob at
Den!” Milt’s oldest, Fil, demurred:
 “Red nun, Woden I’d rail ‘Hob!’ at...”
 “Dew a *cat* is, Sha!” I purred. 56

“Relive *Reno?* No, Sir Tyler!”
 (Dew, a jade, *Siena* craved...)
 “Relaid ‘nomad domiciler’
 Devi, ‘jot’ NOT!” Lana raved.

“Rota-noted, I’m a ‘*bad dam?*’”
 Devi “red” saw! Nat “rat” smelled:
 “Rot! A ‘timid’ *Enos*, Madame—”
 “Dell, it’s *nidor!*” Sidwel welled. 64

“Level, Nevil—*Nat*’s no shover!
Del lips Nora!” Ase declaimed;
 “... ‘Lever’ *never*, ‘epact-lover,’
 Dey *Art!*” “Eb led!” Den defamed.

“Red is Nimrod, Tongan amir!
 Dey, Al *labors!*” Elle bewailed;
 “Red-if-no-creep’ Hale, be *tamer*—
 Des! Sid *trebled!*” Sidra paled. 72

“Rot, Al, every ‘levitator’—
 Des, Si *hit* Tod!” Lev appalled.
 “Rot! *Art*’s no ‘Mede remonstrator’—
 Den raw *slag* is!” Sita râled.

“Avi, ‘volley’ *not* fat Ella!...
 Den, rocs *bore* us!” Sha fools gulled;
 “Avid Amis *sidled*, Stella?”
 “Deng, I lampoon *slime!*...” Del lulled. 80

“Reg—as I—saw war was *sordid*;
 Deni *partied*, Kirt!” Sal stabbed;
 “Reg a ‘war of dimals,’ Dor, did...”
 “Deb *barged* Art so...” Mao blabbed.

“Rise! Vow ‘no,’ Lyn—*no* betrayal!
 Deb, bar ‘cavers!’” Patti moved;
 “Rise, volcano pupils! *Flay* Al!”
 “Dia’s *no* ‘miss!’” Tab reproved. 88

“Nelle, knee *Kemal*—Em’s *Godzilla!*
 Del? Sims’ *evil!*” Lis dismissed;
 “No, Lem, shatter *not* ‘Rat’s’ villa—”
 “Des *opposed* is!” Pol spat, pissed.

Mad dash! “*Sir!* A ‘granulator’—
 Des—or ***Patten***?” Polis polled.
 “Mada! Camp in rose *Decatur!*
 Des *abed* is...” Bo cajoled. 96

“Retta-Mylda’s ‘*senile*,’ Freyah?
 Deza hid worse!” mite Moss galled.
 Retta yodled, “Ton-de-*lay-ah!*...”
 “Edin’s *gnu* sobs!” Dik’s wonks yawled.

Dedal Byrom was no laver...
 “*Deil* peril—*lam!*” Sid skirled;
 “Dedal (if new) Arn, a ‘raver,’
 Des *reversed*, Di!” Serows gurled. 104

“No Left, Afton? *So* Guyana!...
Des Rae *here* saw...” Ase opined;
“Nel, eh? Not news...Marianna?”
 (“Dew, ‘orcs’ *dace* are,” Gar defined.)

“All in Avon ‘bards’ be, Anna—
 ‘Dew’ on Sam sat!” Retta mewled;
 “Al, I name Durc’s tract... ‘Savannah’!”
 “Dev loves ‘*Elath*’!” Estes puled. 112

“Repay Riah *nada*, vender!
 (Dev, *lose* Renald!)” Nellis yenned.
 “Rip at *no* gar, Di, mad render!...
 Den, *nab* Nat’s saps!” Della penned.

“Redip, Sami!...Not to natter,
 Denna, *pay* Dan!” sleek Steve dunned;
 “(Red, I wonder...Netta *fatter*?)” 119
 “Deb, bulbs *frustrate* yaks!” Ward stunned.

“‘Rerim,’ Dana? (Some delay, Dag...)
 Deb, Bud’s *iron*!” Sim regaled;
 “(Rerid *Sig* of Rod!...*Okay*, Dag??)”
 “Devin, *no* cuts!” Tina railed.

“Reboss!—No, *stamp*!—‘INDIANA’!”
 Devi, Vern (and Etna) raged.
 “Reborn, Eb, on ‘Top Banana,’
 Dex *awed* Urga!” sleek Stan gaged. 128

“Rot! Al ‘*lit* Nic’s *lyre*,’ bemirer?
 Dex *alert* is, Sue!” Gil bored.
 “Reta, bed no *cad*-aspirer,”
 “Del-like mite” Dag Nita gored.

“Nella ‘fat’ in Sidwel’s *Sass* is?
 Dell, it’s *idle*!” Dru consoled;
 “‘Nel lops “ex” Rex!’... ‘Rex in *debt* is!’...
 ‘Delia *wavers*!’... ‘Atlas *tolled*!’...” 136

“Avi’s *gnus*, Gar, did *nine* men in?
 Delia’s *Satan*’s nurse!” Pat dwelled.
 (“Ha, Vespucci! Ho, slay TEN in
 Deri’s BED, lass!” Mae, snide, yelled.)

Reba sat in Knut’s gambados...
 “Der, I *faded*!” Elder signed;
 “Rob—alas, Ti!—‘saw tornados’!”
 “Del, I’m *so* drab...” Don repined; 144

“Live ewes *Em* rubs, ‘new or not new’...”
 (“Del I’ve ‘*recued*,’” Si, wet, sleered.)
 “Liv *enrobed* Art; still, I got new—”
 (“Des! Such *amis*!” “Doc” Delle jeered.)

“Rod! *Inspire* us, nits-amuser!...
 Des, sufflate elf ‘*Zeus*’!” Deb bossed.
 Red, I banish Sid: “Lode-*loser*!”
 Debbi ratted, “Edda *glossed*!”... 152

“Anna, I’d spit won ton—*pay* me!”
 (“Debbi *flaw*’d is...” Les surmised.)
 “Anna, Soho’s *euros* sway me!”
 “Del ran *gerbils*!” Rega wised.

“Revah, ‘senile flagellator’
 Del ran *sin ads*!” Tess assessed.
 Reval’s “Neon [not to cater]
 Deil-Peri,” Del, digressed: 160

“Sue gats *pumas*, Retta! Nino,
 ‘*Deils* Ed pay!’ ‘Nelle’s Law’ ran!...”
 (Sue gapes: “I won *Borodino*?...”)
 “Dell, at Sarah’s...” Giles began.

“So grab *Medoc*...” “Gibbet-filer!...”
 “Dell a *card* is...” “Tonyah sassed!”
 “So grace *no* bed...” “Morose *miler*!...”
 “Dey, Art *roped* Al!” So gas passed. 168

“Spite!” tuts Aesop. “Rats!” Elle brangled.
 “Dey Abe, I wed *six*,” Al yawned.
 “..Spit, too, *bons mots*--mots Ward’s *tangled*,”
 Deza maenad Sahara conned.

“Del, gnat-nesting *nits* enrage us!
 Deza, *drag* us!” Sid abased;
 “Del ‘gnar’ *will*, Lew—*rots* engage us!...
 Del, I ate *ROOK*!!” “Raw?” Del fazed. 176

“REVA, LAPDOG MUM,” Trask cabled.
 “Delia *hard* is, no?” Koo trawled.
 “Reval *stubs* its buds,” Biff fabled.
 “Del *lace* ‘raps’ in, Ned!” Dex awled.

“Deem it *sat*in!” nil Lew warbled.
 (“Del, ward *devils*!” Ida mimed.)
 “Demi *sat* on—?” Nanon garbled.
 “Demi *ran*, Nan,” Anna rimed. 184