

Big Money in Poetry!

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Perhaps you have heard the rumors of big money in poetry
Maybe that's why everybody is writing it these days
Even Emily Dickinson must have heard these rumors
Myself, I suspected as much 50 years ago
And started early to accumulate my hoard of poems
So I would have a huge retirement
And you can see how that is paying off, big time
With all this cash flow we're going to be melting icebergs around
here
And if we're not careful, we'll have enough to fund a new state
The great state of Art
We can file a new Declaration of Non-dependence
We will throw tea bags in the San Francisco Bay
And drink only coffee from South American countries
We will begin minting our own coins
Well, maybe just use found pennies from the sidewalk
That kids and bums ignore
We can buy us a new tent and start by shaving off a beard or two

