

SNOWFLAKE SONNET

If Benoit Mandelbrot had been
A triplet, or at least a twin,
With each identical, of course
We'd quickly see his concept's source.
Or did he inspiration take
From the uniqueness of each flake?
No two alike, as those well know
Who to these conferences go,
For none of us are equal devils:
Sameness is at lower levels,
Down from molecules to strings
(If those are fundamental things).
Hats off to genius Mandelbrot!
Whose thoughts inspired those we wrote.

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