

Lady Pattullo

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Vibrant structural steel rainbow nuzzling into the pale velvet sky
spilling dreams of eternal serendipity onto the canvas of life.

Candice James

The painter and her amazing technicolour dream bridge...
Old feet, as tired as you are, take me there!

Isabella Mori

I love the Pattullo Bridge!
Let's keep it, please!

Franci Louann

gateway to the jewelled core of the city
astonished by the indelible wonders within.

Sally Quon

A gentle curve, a lineage, in brontosaurus quiver
Arced in rainbow, living steel, it strides across the river.

Bill Arnott

This bridge, where motion and emotion intersect, transports us past
mountainous memories, across forgotten dreams, deep as the Fraser River.

Carol Johnson

Metal fingers curl across the span
of salmon, where sea and fresh water meet.

Michele Rule

wind cups the gleaming spans, reflecting
back the river, a polished mirror, to the glory below.

Jude Neale

Goodbye Pattullo, bridge over abyss,
Gold medal to you for faithful service.

H.W Bryce

Bridges don't appear in nature, they're a construct of man.
The result of diligent hard work and a careful plan.

Kathy Figueroa

The bridge between poets are the words they use,
some are afraid to cross it; they just refuse.

Lyn Ayre

Ruby light unveils the bridge's heart, a deep concern
for both sides, aware not all who cross will return.

Angela Kenyon

Last night, the worm moon under a purple coloured sky,
the bridge on the rivers surface reflected upon its existence.

Una D. Bruhns

stained-glass windows, ruby dance floor, ribbons of sky mountains
lime and lavender light bridged easily, rounded in community cathedral.

Cynthia Sharp

Passionate kaleidoscope vision spanning history and place
Over the crimson splash of sunset reflecting off the Fraser.

Garry Ward

oh, antique archway, span between explorations, exploits, and escapades;
linking fragments of coloured experience, a kaleidoscope of adventures.

Julia Schoennagel

beacon of comfort
picturesque beauty arching under star-speckled sky.

Lisa Reynolds

Rich stained glass, deep scarlet and purple, a dream
of multicoloured light, leads the way across the stream.

Lesley Hebert

Bathed in swaths of orange and red, the old
bridge restored to an earlier glory.

Natalie Hryciuk

cross the Fraser on iron streams that braid changing shores,
plaited in her confluence, you now become her bridge.

Jessica Lee McMillan

Geometric solitude of a stained glass window,
reflecting the historical stories of our Lady Pattullo.

Lisa Strong

She bridges time, this arched mosaic in abstraction,
setting each night, boldly stoic as daybreak signals.

Janet Kvammen

a live fossil, arthritic span, imperial relic, compass point
guideway, rune, map to the minds, neural trackways of the dead.

Alan Hill

The ancient bridge between Nowhere and Now,
a conduit carrying us gently to the other side

Elliott Slinn

24 contributing poets in order of appearance:



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