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By Sarah Ashwood

She sits alone with a thick book
Out the windows steals a look
She taps an essay on grey keys
Dancing with him she'd rather be
She researches projects while online
Feels like she's digging in a mine
Some days she'd dearly love to quit
But can't give up, there's money sent
One day she'll finish, get that degree
It will be worthwhile, she believes
Until that time she'll muddle on
And dream of dance, freedom, and song

About Sarah Ashwood:

A genuine "Okie from Muskogee," Sarah Ashwood is a full-time college student working towards a B.A. in English with an emphasis on creative writing from American Military University. She is a member of the International Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa, and has been selected for the National Dean's List. Sarah has joined a second honour society, The Golden Key, and has recently accepted membership in a third—Delta Epsilon Tau.

Sarah's poetry was first published in the October 2007 edition of *Art and Prose*. In November of 2007 she won first place in a local literary contest for an essay on the importance of reading. Since that time, her work—poetry and prose, fantasy and non-fantasy, fiction and non-fiction—has appeared in such publications as *Aoife's Kiss*, *Flashing Swords Press*, *Mindflights*, *Outdoors Spectacular*, *The Lorelei Signal*, *Abandoned Towers*, *New Myths*, *TeenAge*, *Silver Blade*, *Wanderings Magazine*, and *The Digital Dragon*. As of June 2009, future work will appear in *Homeschooling Today*, and *Devozine*.

Sarah's first book, a volume of poetry titled *A Minstrel's Musings*, was published by *Cyberwizard Productions* in April 2009. In 2010, Sarah's Young Adult fantasy novel, *Knight's Rebirth*, will also be published by *Cyberwizard Productions*. Sarah's western-fantasy short story, *Twenty-Two*, has been selected to appear in a Best of 2008 anthology published by *The Lorelei Signal*; it will be available later this year. Along with her cousin, Carol Green, Sarah is co-editor of the fantasy ezine, *Moon Drenched Fables*. For more information, visit www.sarahashwood.homestead.com.