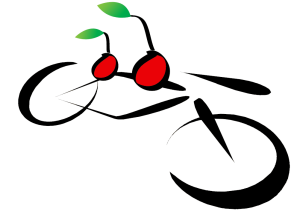


THE TANDEM - by Scott McCanna



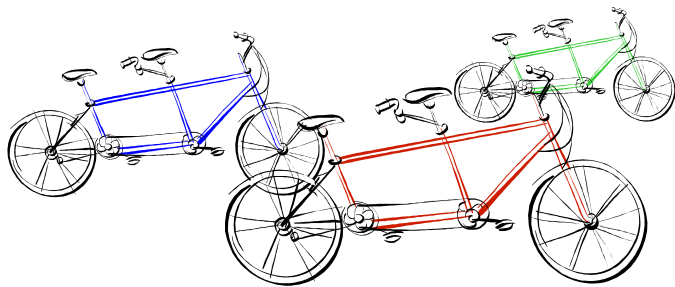
**What is this contraption with two wheels I see?
Where can it be going?
Oh, what can it be?**

**Two riders sitting one in front of the other
In all combinations
Husband - Wife, Child and Mother**

**They fly on by with the greatest of ease
With the whirring of pedals,
And the bobbing of knees**

**But why stuck together in this peculiar way?
With one eating all the bugs
The other with the same view all day!**

**But watch as they go – an interesting thing
The one in front breathing deeply
The one in back starts to sing!**



**Scott lives in Salem, Oregon with his wife.
And yes, they love to ride their tandem!**

**A strange harmony for sure, but joy seems to exude
From the “Captain” in control,
To the “Stoker” in charge of the route, speed, potty
stops, photos, “stretch breaks” and food!**

**I see the need for communication, courage and trust
No time for ego
But patience is a must!**

**A “Tandem,” as its known, an outdoor thrill!
The warmth of the sun
And cool breeze down hill**

**Two rules have I gleaned in watching the fun
First: The Stoker is always right.
But, if the Stoker is Wrong, see Rule #1!**

**But most important of all, that I’ve seen of this sight
Is the time they’re together
Sharing work and delight!**

**So enjoy tandem riders on your two-wheeled steeds
Up hill or down hill
Wherever your life leads!**