

**Creative Response**  
**Heroism**

Heroes and Heroines, many centuries they have been born,  
It all began with Gilgamesh, written in cuneiform,  
Gilgamesh was an epic, King of Uruk and part God,  
Although he was a hero, his intentions were quite odd,  
He was in search of knowledge and positive things to value,  
He gained this by traveling and performing good deeds too.  
Here comes Odysseus, King of Ithaca and full of glory,  
He reigned in Troy, this is where he began his story,  
Embarking on journeys both near and far,  
Leading people to an unsuccessful war,  
Losing his shipmates by punishment from Gods,  
Defending his kingdom, murdered, against all odds.  
Gassire was a part of the Fasa people,  
Taking part in combats with his social equal,  
Spears and swords brought them pleasure,  
Although Gassire was in search of a greater treasure,  
He craved everlasting fortune and fame,  
All he had in the end was a heap of shame.  
Moving forward a bit to the modern days,  
Heroes and heroines were viewed in different ways,  
Not royal or super but human and flawed,  
These modern-day heroes are being awed,  
Real people, just like me and you,  
Men, women, children and even pets too.

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Emotional truth built from life's tragedies and lies,  
Uttering words of deceit, untruth and despise.  
Augustine believed lying was to deceive,  
True or false, what will they believe?  
Ten days in Florence battling the plague,  
A Decameron of poems, one each day.  
Didactic stories filled with catharsis and morals,  
Within myths and parables are tales of quarrels.  
A boy crying wolf and dying lovers,  
Emotions and pain pushed under the covers.  
Renewal and rejuvenation after the fact,  
A person and stress making a pact.

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Voyages and travel to many destinations,  
Captivity and escapes of many different faces.  
Polo was a merchant, an explorer and son,  
The trust of Kublai Khan had been won.  
Dispute broke out between Genoa and Venice,  
Polo was imprisoned, thought of as a menace.  
Verrazzano explored many native societies,  
He also observed many native colonies.  
Through trading and travels he had made some friends,  
Only to be captured and have his life end.  
Stormy weather and capsized ships,  
Mother nature just won't loosen her grip.  
Stranded on an island and must escape,  
Will Prospero and Ariel meet their fate?  
Failed business attempts cause him to travel,  
Gulliver awakes tied up on gravel.  
Creatures of imagination take over,  
Gulliver is now not the controller.  
Seaport bound to be a slave,  
Gustavus Vassa was the name he craved.  
Years of serving white slave traders,  
Freedom was bought, antislavery and anger.

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Seeking out things that may not be,  
Finding something that wasn't seen.  
Love and success often sought,  
Freedom and fame often bought.  
Ulysses faced discontent at his kingdom,  
Yearning for travel, exploration and wisdom.  
Opium running throughout his veins,  
Kubla Khan was destined to reign.  
Unsuccessful with most his endeavors,  
His-erh's love was sought forever.  
Emma's caught up with extravagance,  
Charles loses his tolerance.  
Araby at a Dublin bazaar,  
Learning his love would stay afar.  
Searching for one thing but finding another,  
Always keep minds floating with wonder.