

# POMPEII

*A POEM FOR KIDS BY PAUL PERRO*

There once was a Roman city  
And it was called Pompeii.  
Disaster struck it in the year  
79 Anno Domini.

Nearby there was a mountain and  
Just in case you're curious,  
I will tell you the mountain's name -  
It was called Mount Vesuvius.

Except it wasn't a mountain  
It was really a volcano,  
Something which the Pompeiians  
Sadly did not know.

One August night it spewed out fire,  
Lava, rocks - volcanic.  
The Pompeiians were all afraid  
And ran about in panic.

The city was destroyed that night  
With heat and bangs and crashes  
And buried under hundreds of tons  
Of volcanic ashes.

Pompeii lay lost and forgotten  
For hundreds and hundreds of years  
Until the 1800s when  
It was found by engineers.

They dug the ruins out and now  
It's a tourist attraction today.  
Every year millions  
Visit ancient Pompeii.