



## *A Sonnet to Honor Walter Munk on His 100th Birthday*

*We come to praise one Walter Heinrich Munk,  
Who turns one hundred in just ten short days.  
He dove into the ocean, went kerplunk!  
And found life deep, beyond all human gaze.  
He bravely launched deep-water expeditions,  
Exploring vasty deeps and all their features:  
Vents hydro-thermal, bubbly emissions,  
And strange, exotic, otherworldly creatures.  
Full fathom five the mind of Walter lies.  
He plumbed the sea and leapt up to the skies.  
And that is why he won the Crafoord Prize,  
Awarded for the pearls that are his eyes.  
He caught the waves, the surf, and tidal motion,  
This Munk, this Galileo of the ocean!*

*by Richard Lederer 10/09/17 at The Old Globe Theatre, San Diego*