

Sample Ballad

Leonardo da Vinci

A talented man named Leo da Vinci (11)
Was born in a hamlet in Italy (10)
A man of great fortune whose lifetime was spent (11)
As a Renaissance man with good intent (10)

As a skilled painter Leo was well known (10)
Significant talent he had shown (9)
Many great paintings gave him lots of fame (10)
All people today remember his name (10)

A portrait painting of a rich fellow's wife (11)
Created great fame beyond Leo's life (10)
A unique expression is found in her smile (11)
His painting of light added to his style (10)

Another great work was the Last Supper feast (11)
It marked that the age of darkness had ceased (10)
Leonardo had painted it on a wall (11)
This religious work – a message to all (10)

As an inventor Leo was the best (10)
For ideas of flight were his quest (9)
So many advances in technology (11)
Affect all our lives – a genius was he (10)

We know that Leo affects our worldview now (11)
Through his inventions and paintings are how (10)
He showed us things we might never have known (10)
And in these ways, may never have grown (9)

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