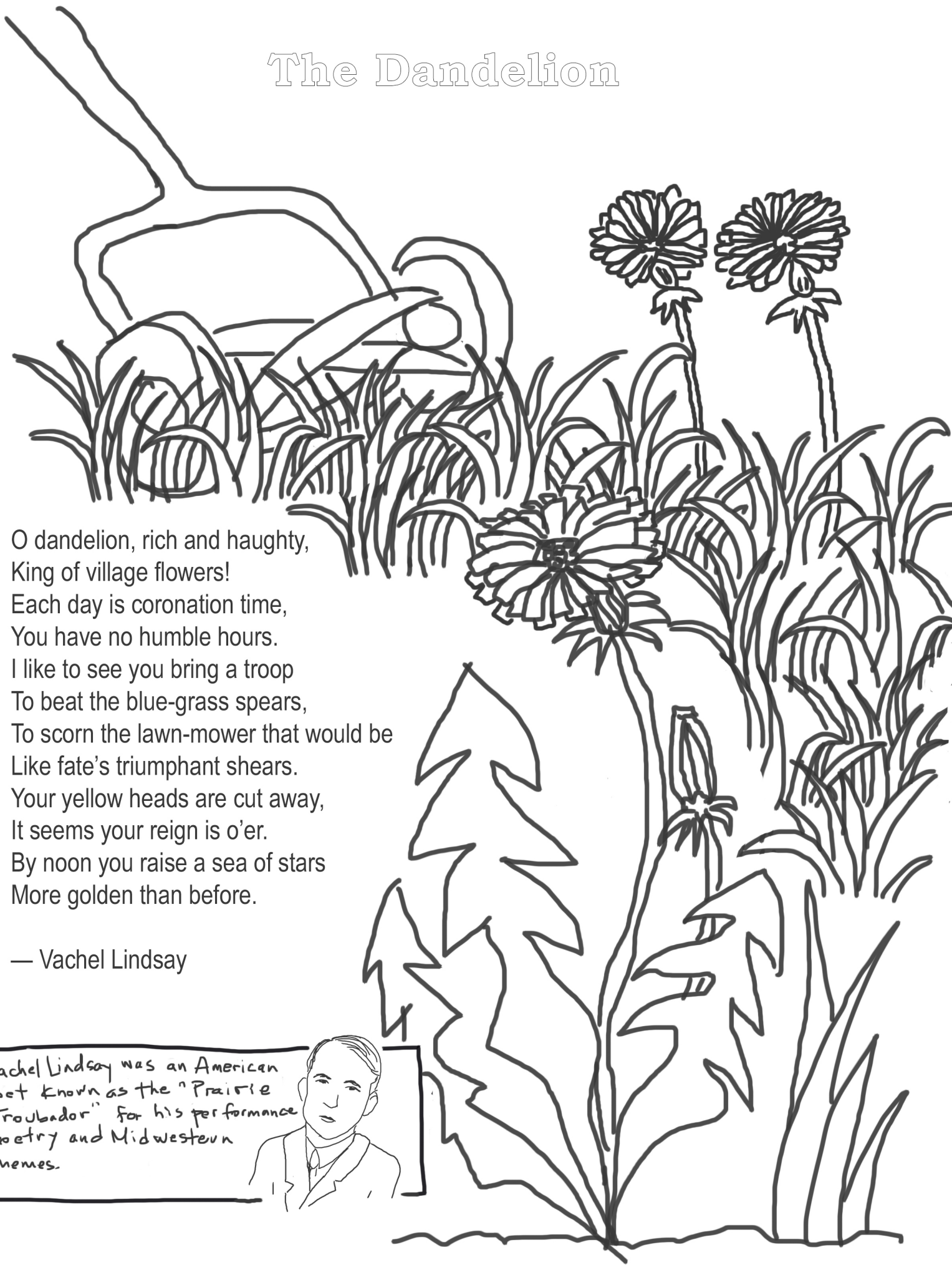


The Dandelion



O dandelion, rich and haughty,
King of village flowers!
Each day is coronation time,
You have no humble hours.
I like to see you bring a troop
To beat the blue-grass spears,
To scorn the lawn-mower that would be
Like fate's triumphant shears.
Your yellow heads are cut away,
It seems your reign is o'er.
By noon you raise a sea of stars
More golden than before.

— Vachel Lindsay

Vachel Lindsay was an American poet known as the "Prairie Troubador" for his performance poetry and Midwestern themes.

