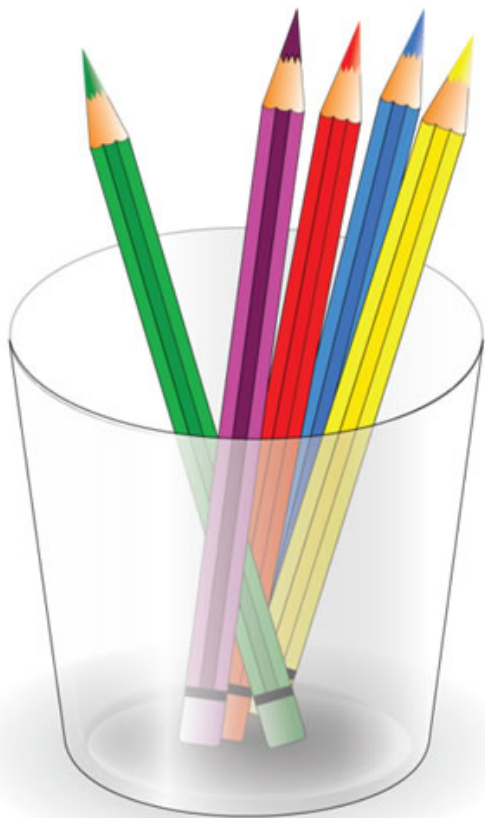


# Anthology of hzugman



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*My poetic side* 

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*This Ebook hopefully is proof that you're never too old to begin writing poetry*

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It's quiet as Hell  
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Ignore it or not  
Either way your life changes  
You pick it up  
A deal is made  
You're unaware  
but your path is now clear  
Later your need will be great  
And will be met  
Because you answered

## Getting To Know You

The wisdom flows from my girl's tongue  
It fills the air and keeps us young  
It warms the heart and sets us free  
And makes this old guy glad he's he  
A hug that once was short but sweet  
Is now prolonged and filled with heat  
The kiss once quick and faint and small  
Now explodes my mind hallelujah y'all

## What's not to like

I'll wait for my date and she'll never be late  
I'll muss up her hair and she won't even care  
I'll kiss her sweet lips sometimes covered with chips  
I'll sing her a song and the words won't be wrong  
I'll sip on her wine and then she'll sip on mine  
I'll massage her neck and she'll wiggle like heck  
And then when it's groovy we'll take in a movie  
Perhaps take a walk and barely will talk  
It's not overbearing this caring we're sharing  
And then when it's done we both shall be one.  
And when the date ends we're the truest of friends  
A week then goes by and I'm back with my Di

## I meditate

I meditate to abate my inputs  
Goodbye sounds  
So long views  
Bye bye tastes and smells  
Adios feelings sensed and felt  
Hush my hyperactive and often critical mind  
I'm going to that wonderful nothingness for a while  
So that maybe I can learn something  
About myself  
About others  
About the universe.  
I'll get back to you all soon  
But for now I escape

## Strange Meeting

The dog looked eerily familiar  
No collar or tag or chip  
It came my way with tail erect but eyes downcast and weepy  
It's not my job to cure all ills I've got enough to do  
"Shoo!", I said to drive it off but it was not deterred  
A voice within me said , "be quiet" and quiet I became.  
The next thing slipping from my mouth was, " Doggie what's your name?"  
It made no reply but then crept closer  
To sum it up I took it in and fed it what I et  
The poor thing's with me yet.  
This tale of happenstance must come to and end  
And yes you guessed it that lost mutt is now my own best friend.



## Where I'm Going

My darling soul mate is helping me to become what I am becoming  
Her radiance illuminating corners of the universe previously unknown to me  
I shall follow her footsteps which leads toward the truth  
And ever be in awe of the wonders I shall find  
I shall cast aside doubt as to what miracles exist  
And face it all with love as my shield and offering  
Sharing all with everything and everyone  
Whilst ever being thankful for my good fortune

## Do The Right Thing?

I clipped the coupons and signed up for the discount  
Consolidated my debt and only insured for what I need  
Maxed out my 401k and took only modest vacations  
Walked when riding would be much more convenient  
Invested only in products made in the USA  
"shopped" at the Goodwill  
Wore my clothes until they became rags  
Donated to others less fortunate  
Kept that second job  
Even bought day old bread  
Never "cut" class  
Turned the other cheek  
Voted in every election  
Did it myself when I could do it myself  
Thanked my maker for every blessing I received  
Consumed very little junk food  
So why am I still broke?

## **Pain Love Fear**

**Pain is not your enemy, pain is your friend**

**Pain is telling your body, "don't do that!"**

**Pain works to protect you every minute of every day**

**A life without pain is not a blessing but rather a blueprint for a short life.**

**Love IS your friend**

**Love lets you increase your happiness by helping others**

**Love is also on duty all the time ? if you allow it**

**Love IS a blessing that grows by being given away**

**Fear IS your enemy**

**Fear destroys your castles and leaves dungeons instead**

**Fear turns all your wins into losses**

**Show fear a little love It really needs it.**

**This enemy is to be converted not defeated**

## Who is my father really

I want to know my father  
I'm an old man now with grandchildren some of whom are adults.  
I look younger than I am but I'm an old man inside  
I have young ideas still even though time and wear have limited their realization a little  
My father married a smart, beautiful , ambitious young woman, my mother  
He was king of the house until I came along  
The firstborn child, a son, a competitor  
My mother lavished attention on me and loved me in her way  
Before I could walk and before I knew he and I were vying for mom's attention  
And I always won  
We had an arms length at best relationship until the day he died  
He was much younger then than I am now  
Jealousy ruined what could have been a fine father-son relationship  
Because I'm a pretty decent guy  
I pretended to myself and others not to care but I missed having a father figure  
It didn't get any better when my parents finally divorced  
I'm full of love now and want to give some to him  
I don't know how I know but I'm sure it will happen  
I want to know what happened to him to make him who he was  
I want to know my father.

I want to know my father.

## A Magic Life

A magic life you share with me  
It's truly serendipity  
Surprises seem to never end  
With logic I can't quite defend  
To suss it out I've tried and tried  
Aw heck I'll just enjoy the ride  
For others I pass on this advice  
Just jump right in and don't think twice

## No more rowing

There Once Was A Man From Seattle  
Oft Times Was Up-Creek Less A Paddle  
So He Gave Up On Oaring  
Instead Turned To Whoring  
And Finds It Much Easier To Straddle.

## How It Grows

**A** is the first word in our English dictionary

**AN** is definitely an indefinite article

**ANE** is one in Scotland

OR

**LAN** is your local area network

Either way

**PLAN** is what you do to amuse the Gods

**PLANE** is an unfancy flat surface

**PLANET** is a nearly spherical sun orbiter

**PLANETS** are what we now have eight of since Pluto's demotion date

(which was 2 0 0 8)

or **SPLANET** is what you do to Lucy

or **ESPLANET** is what Ricky does very slowly.

## Do you see what I see?

We are walking hand-in-hand through this gateway to knowingness  
One of us a resident pointing out the marvels to the other - a visitor  
The visitor in awestruck posture gazing at the wonders  
The resident proudly filling in the details  
The walk is slow and long and energizing  
The couple seeing the same yet different visions  
Both are open and thoughtful and hopeful  
Will they arrive at the same decisions?



## Pee For Two

My biggest problem is an unquenchable thirst  
And I love you so much that I'll let you pee first  
Our frequent urination is the talk of the town  
I may go very often but I always leave the lid down.

The situation changes when it comes to gas  
Speed is then important don't let time pass  
There is still a lot of love by all accounts  
But who gets there first is what what really counts

(They always say you should write about what you know about)

## Letters And Numbers

Letters and numbers are the atoms of our minds and consciousness's  
They become the equations of our memories  
Which remain true in substance yet continually change in form  
They become the trimmings and highlights of our personal landscapes  
As we journey through an ever changing obstacle course we often call life  
The course is created both for us and by us  
And happiness results by walking the course and appreciating the opportunity  
Shortcuts save energy but reduce the wisdom obtained from taking each step  
My path differs from your path in curvature and length  
But taken with an open heart creates love for all.

## Follow The Light

I followed the light grudgingly but persistently  
My last cigarette tasted horrible and my tongue is now sour as Hell  
I kept thinking how stupid this is but also kept walking  
I'll never get there in time at this rate and it's too late to turn back now  
They could have picked somebody else but no such luck  
Wet shoes and damp socks what a mess  
But I need the money and will make the stupid report  
I'm never going to do this again.  
Where did the damned light disappear to? Darn!

## Changes Keep Changing

Look closer at the details for therein lies the story  
Each having stood the test of time  
Perfectly shaped for yesterday  
But how will they fare tomorrow?  
Change is everywhere and all the time  
Yesterday's hero is today's zero  
You have to keep keeping up  
Rest on your laurels and the world passes you by  
Use the axe to fell the trees but save some time for honing  
Examine all the possibilities then choose  
But please respect the zoning.

## A Special Gift

Honor today, it's never coming again  
Fill each moment with something worthwhile  
Many wonderful people never made it this far  
Sip that soda slowly and notice it's taste  
Half the world is hungry right now and yearns for any morsel of food  
Many older folks are lying in a bed all day half watching a fairly inane TV show  
And they are the lucky ones not sitting on a curb somewhere and being ignored  
Today approximately 10,000 children worldwide will die of hunger  
So don't tell me you're bored and that there's nothing to watch on TV  
Make somebody's day better ? anybody  
Honor today, it's never coming again

## Haiku How Cool

It's fun to do Haiku  
Make it rhyme in 4/4 time  
It's also good for you

## Ain't It The Truth

When I was young I sought the truth as long as it would please me  
But some truths made me uncomfortable so I would ignore them  
That turned out to be a very poor plan  
It took me to some strange places  
Places where I fit in fine but didn't like my company  
I later opened my eyes a bit more

## Early Withdrawal

I left early and missed the best part  
Why do I do that?  
Yet when I stay to the very end nothing seems to happen  
So I'm kind of screwed whatever I do.  
Well maybe not.  
If I didn't see the ending how do I know it was best  
So what do I do?  
I see it again ? to the end.  
And what do you know, the ending wasn't the best part  
But rather a part in the middle that I missed entirely the first time round.  
I guess focus is everything.



## **Learned Early Habit**

**There once was a man from Duluth  
Whose lifestyle was completely uncouth  
He'd fart in the bathtub  
While getting a back-rub  
A habit he'd learned in his youth.**

## Wanna Miracle Cure

**Wanna look more attractive ? just smile and mean it**

**Wanna feel happier ? just sing a song**

**Wanna sound smarter ? compliment someone**

**Wanna feel more relaxed ? meditate**

**Wanna cure boredom ? help someone that needs help**

**Wanna?**

## No Time For Fun

There once was a guy from L. A.  
Whose life was all work and no play  
He never took time off  
No bowling and no golf  
Just working and hitting the hay.

## **If It Takes For Ever**

**Bad Habits Are So Hard To Break  
But I Shall For My Very Own Sake  
Replace Them With New Ones  
That Hopefully Are Fun  
I Wonder How Long That It Takes**

## Do You Wanna Dance?

**There Once Was A Dude Born In Lansing  
Who Loved To Go Out Couples Dancing  
But His Gait Was So Strange  
And Often Would Change  
That Most Folks Thought He Was Just Prancing**

## Let Go

The dawn of a new day greets me

I'm revealing

I am healing

My heart's reeling

What a feeling

Dusk disappears

I'm one step closer

It was easy

## **I WAS Around**

**I was around at you mom and dad's first date  
I was around at their wedding  
I was around the day you were born  
I was around on your first day of school  
I was around the day you graduated from college  
I was around when you got married  
I was around when your first child was born  
I was was around when your first grandchild was born  
I was around when you retired from your job  
I was around the day they laid you to rest  
I love you  
From your still half filled bottle of Worcestershire sauce**

## **Silly Talk**

**There once was a man from Kilarney  
Who was great giving out with the blarney  
His diction was lazy  
His subjects were crazy  
He ended up a barker in the carney**



## The Biggest Race In History

**I Won The Biggest Race In History  
And Boy Am I Proud  
But Then Again So Did You  
So Don't Tell Me That You've Never Won Anything  
And We Were Both Very, Very, Very Young At The Time  
And We Had Millions Of Worthy Competitors  
They All Turned Out To Be Losers  
We Didn't Train For It  
Or Even Have Any Sponsors  
Or Even Supporters  
It Was A Short Race Distance-wise  
But Of Vital Importance To Both Of Us Winners  
I Don't Think That It Even Has A Name  
But I Like To Refer To It As  
The Race To The Ovum  
Or Simply The Sperm Race**

## Poems For The Writer Or The Reader?

It seems to me I always knew  
That poetry is best for two  
It starts with me  
And ends with you  
Although it starts with fancy free  
It's much more truth than poetry

## Is It A Dream?

I dream of roses that can talk  
And chickens unable to even squawk  
They animate my nightly zzzs  
With strangely made how-can-it-bes  
Was It something that I ate  
As I gaze at my empty plate  
Won't some kind soul relate to me  
The enigmatic answer please

## Love's Magnificentfyng Looking Glass

How utterly wonderful it would be  
For a aging lover to see how his lover sees him  
This is also true for the lady  
If only for a short duration  
A minute or two will do  
A whole new image world would appear

He looks in the mirror and finds  
Turkey throat  
Pot belly  
Jowls  
Liver spots  
Bumps and lumps  
Crooked fingers  
Gray hair and emerging forehead  
Hair growing everywhere except where it's supposed to  
Ears and nose starting to take over his entire face  
And other stuff he can't quite remember

And she sees a handsome stud soul mate for the ages

She looks in the mirror and sees

Sagging stuff  
Thinning hair  
Spots and blemishes  
Figure eight turning into a different number  
Lipstick needed here  
Powder required there  
Accent this  
Cover over that

**And what's that behind me?**

**And he sees his calendar girl and playmate of the year forever**

**Whose view is true?**

**If you have to ask, take another look.**

**See yourself as your lover sees you and life will immediately improve for both of you**

## Done in a split-hour

Far too often I sit and contemplate  
Then do the deed thought about far to late.  
It would be accomplished with far more precision  
If I took a tenth of the time making the decision.

## It's My Pleasure

"It's my pleasure to pleasure you"  
Often a line - less frequently true  
Try it today if you haven't clue  
The winner you'll find will probably be two

## A Simple Haiku How Do You Do

One thing that I will never do  
I make a simplified Haiku  
The sound of one hand clapping  
Is mind and thought entrapping  
But two of them at once united  
Are never to be unrequited



## I smell a rat

There once was a wine connoisseur  
Whose nose was well known to be pure  
But he'd act like a dork  
Sometimes swallow the cork  
Saying this stuff's incredibly poor.

## Getting plastered

There once was a lady from Astor  
Who covered her ceiling with plaster  
Her mate don't know why  
That one act made her cry  
So quite on the sly he just asked her

## I really screwed up

I lost my love through gross neglect  
And now my life's a total wreck  
But what else (damn!) should I expect  
Should have been more circumspect

## Truth or fiction?

Easily provable truths are often followed by disprovable lies  
The past doesn't properly predict the future not as I surmise  
Relying on shortcuts is quick but often not wise  
Try not to be fooled by this age old disguise.

## Is it too late?

It's never too late to say "I'm sorry"  
Never too late to say, "Let's try"  
Seldom too late to say, " Don't worry"  
Always too late to say, "That's mine".

## Leg or breast man?

**Leg or breast man  
They often ask  
Deciding which or both  
Is such a daunting task  
Each time I'm visiting the KFC  
It's quite the dilemma for little old me**

## Where Is It?

**Traveling very late at night  
And searchin', prayin' hopin'  
That my fast food place just might  
Be found and still be open**

## Smile!

**The Mona Lisa is my style  
She always gets me with her smile  
I just can't suss out what she's thinking  
Wait a sec is her eye winking?**



## My regret

I walked in the sand and my feet were burning  
Why I took this job I'll never know  
For an easier gig I still am yearning  
I quickly said "yes" when I should have said "no"

## One Hand Clapping

The sound of one hand clapping  
Is difficult to capture  
But two of them united  
Create ultimate rapture

## Listen Up!

When English leeches give their speeches  
You bloody well should listen mate

## Nyms

**Nyms**

**Synonyms seem the same to me**

**Antonyms do not**

**Homonyms sound alike I see**

**Chrysanthemums I like a lot**

## I am whole

She makes me whole in unknown ways

This partner I adore

We'll stay together countless days

And who knows what's in store

## A walk in the park

We strolled the lane together  
Both got chilblain together  
We didn't know  
That it's called pernio  
But we'll warm up again together.

## I hear music

I am a rambunctious song  
And I don't think that I am wrong  
Sweet singing is quite often freeing  
Just not when I'm busily peeing

## 50s musical hitchhiking

The juke box plays my favorite tune  
I can't resist and start to croon  
The guy next booth don't think I ougha  
Because it's playing on his quarter



## I've got a secret

Secrets have a way of leaking out  
I'm sure I don't know how  
So do yourself a favor pal  
And set it free right now

## The battle of the bottles

All too often I have said  
I like my wine and like it red  
But here before me I see white  
Not even pink that's just not right

## It'll be a bit longer than you think

How Long is an Asian porno star  
His many skills will take him far  
To see one real remarkable sight  
Visit Long this very night

## Superstar

Darling you're my superstar  
That's well known both near and far  
Your inner beauty I can't escape  
But most of all I love your cape

## My secret password

It's very long to fool the hackers  
Has capitals, commas question marks and such  
Slashes, dashes and backward brackets  
Can't be broken or even guessed much  
Trouble is I can't remember it  
So here it is....  
Hyphen  
Open Parentheses  
Window's key  
Ampersand  
Return  
Dash  
Space bar  
Print screen  
Asterisk  
Shift key  
Scroll lock  
Windows key (again)  
Open Quote  
Return (again)  
Delete

Anybody get it?

## Not now

I am a heartfelt song  
And I don't think I'm wrong  
Sweet singing is life freeing  
Just not when I'm busy peeing.

## True or false

It isn't what he doesn't know  
It's what he knows that isn't so  
That's why I doubt him all time  
And that is how I'll end this rhyme

## Getting On In Years

Through laughter and sometimes almost tears  
You are the gold in my golden years  
Some might say that we're too old  
Let 'em talk we'll just be bold



## Sunrise

I love to watch the sun rise  
It's lovely music for my eyes  
It illuminates all of the firmament  
While I brush my teeth with Pepsodent

## It's really easy

My girlfriend's just crazy 'bout poetries  
And birds and small creatures that live in trees  
She's kind to all strangers  
In big towns and mangers  
Good lord with her in my life it's a breeze.

## Up Up And Away

Up up and away she'd scream  
Then gleefully we'd soar  
Not a thought 'bout how to land  
Our feet are now so sore

## **My imaginary home**

Located near an imaginary lake  
My getaway home resides  
It's a dreamy trip I often take  
Each time I close both my eyes

## I've heard sweet talk before

Don't try to woo me with your words of love,  
Or your subtle expressions of kindness  
Just hand over to me all of your money  
You you've forgotten already (?) , I'm with the IRS

## All together now

The whole consists of many pieces  
Some fit easily and some fit tight  
It has always been my thesis  
That either way they both are right

## Social? media

Hello I am social media  
You think that you are looking at me  
But I am also looking at you  
For every one thing that you learn about me  
I learn a dozen time more about you

## Happy Birthday big shot

They knew that I'd be a handful  
On the day that I was born  
When the doctor slapped my ass  
I kicked him in the nuts.



## Treat Yourself

Now hear this, It just came in  
To want something is no great sin  
Choose it reasonably that's my guide  
Wear it proudly and don't hide

## Fibbing mathematically

Don't

Lie

Lying's bad

Quit right now

Honestly I really tell truths

You'll be a better person all the time

Well maybe I fib now and then but not about anything really important

## Smartest in the room

Some deem it strength to decline all help  
And walk the road unassisted  
The wise one knows the group combined  
Is smarter than the brightest of them

## Who says math ain't fun

Long ago while studying alien algebra I learned that  
Although two and two always seem to add up to four  
They sometimes can add up to five  
For large values of two and small values of five

## Zero sum game

Life can be a zero sum game  
And when it is it's quite a crying shame  
I often find it to be a whole lot better  
To give out love unconditionally without a single fetter

## Light as a feather

My poems come quick and easy  
Sometimes without a thought  
They should bright and breezy  
Well, that's what I've been taught

## Do clothes make the man?

Everybody looks better when I'm totally naked  
And that's a picture that can hardly be fake-id  
Don't criticize me I just call 'em as I see 'em  
A figure fine as that belong in a museum

## How'd I Get Here?

The most irritating thing

I must confess

Is the wrong address

On my new GPS



## Here's to you

Let me drink in your beauty  
So much finer than wine  
I'm convinced that you're a cutie  
Just because you are all mine

## Look what I see

Her blouse was partially unbuttoned

Her eyes filled with delight

My brain became day old mutton

And thought "Tonight's the night"

## **My speed**

We can there faster by flying  
As most of us do I know  
But from now on I'll be trying  
To take the world in slow

## I'm late I'm late

Meeting my girl is always great  
I get so excited I just can't wait  
If I keep on talking I'll sure be late  
And that's no way to start a date

## Gambling

You can't win 'em all  
And that's no fun  
But if you don't play  
You will win none

## Let me help

My gal is sharp and witty too  
You might unaware of  
When someone needs a helping hand  
That's who she will take care of.

## Ouch!

I shot an arrow in the air  
It fell to earth I know not where  
From the way that guy is screaming  
It must have fallen there.

## Friends grow together

The friends we really need to know  
Are those whose thoughts will let us grow  
And we in turn can share with them  
Our inmost thoughts ? a little gem



## Happy me

The ways that my girl pleases me  
Sets my heart up to fun fancy free  
We both benefit  
From our vaudevillian skit  
Just how lucky can one fella be?

## Reincarnation on the beach

The roaring waves crash to the shore  
The beautiful sand castle stands no more  
The sand remains for someone new  
To use it for sand castle two

## Choose

You came to a fork in the road and made a choice  
To the left or to the right whichever  
You took the advice of that soft hidden voice  
And your future wa changed forever

## The learning rule

No one's perfect it is true  
Mistakes will make a smarter you  
The truth is always the clearest way  
In the end to make a better day

## I still have a lot to learn

I thought I knew a lot before  
Enough to see me through  
And now I need to know much more  
And all because of you

## Do I dare?

Within my soul lies a deep temptation  
To do the things I shouldn't do  
With a "can't resist it" sensation  
And that, of course, dear is alluring you

## Calculated risk

Good luck and may the odds be with you  
Charge on forward and take a chance  
May your wins be many and your losses few  
But don't go overboard and lose your pants

## It Came Out Of Nowhere

The invisible man saw a pretty lass  
That set his heart atwitter  
Unfortunately he had some gas  
She never knew what hit her.



## Rain or shine

Whether of not it's ever discussed  
The weather's a thing that's always with us  
Sometimes we like it and sometimes we don't  
It can be pleasant but often it won't  
Be

## Lone Wolf

Doing It all alone - John Wayne style

Works in the movies - gimme two on the isle

A far superior method I've learned over the years

Is to accept help from others - listen to the cheers!

## What time is it?

The future is a mystery whose gifts I will not ponder  
The past is past but good or bad a path I can't re-wander  
The present now I must absorb and not ignore its teaching  
If eyes and ears I keep alert my true self I'll be reaching

## Youth has lots to learn

Some like it hot  
And some like it cold  
I've no opinion  
Cause I'm only nine days old

## What's eternal?

Youth and beauty have their day  
But true romance is here to stay  
It shows in how we support each other  
Like a sister and a brother

## Acceptance

We accept each other for what we both are  
And what we are will take us both far  
The time is right  
Our hearts are bright  
That's what comes from wishing upon a star.

## Onward and Upward

My love has reached her first plateau  
Not knowing there are more to go  
It's bliss she'll find that's free of sin  
And she'll soon say where have I been

## My Diane

Chocolate treats are tasty man  
But none's as sweet as my Diane  
Your face my dear is mighty pretty  
Just don't know how to end this ditty



## Birds do it

Nature provides lush scenery  
Often more than the eye can see  
Giving many thrills for you and me  
Still I've not tried it in a tree

## Take a chance

Fortune smiles best upon the prepared  
In life's ever-changing lottery  
So dare to be the one who dared  
And thus avoid mere dotery

## The days of the week

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays

These are my wonderful having fun days

Why you say do I like them so'

'cause I'm with my girl who call me beau

## Breaking news

Now hear this, it just came in  
To want something is not a sin  
Choose it carefully, that's my guide  
No need to hide it deep inside

## I kID you not

What is this thing that's called my Id  
My friend and wanter since I was a kid  
It's kept me safe through all my years  
Now something's busted all it's gears

## Signs of old age

Everything that is supposed to be dry is wet  
Everything that is supposed to be wet is dry  
Everything that is supposed to be hard is soft  
Everything that is supposed to be soft is hard  
Everything that is supposed to have hair has no hair  
Everything that is supposed to have no hair has hair  
Everything that is supposed to be long is short  
Everything that is supposed to be short is long  
Everything that is supposed to be over quickly takes forever  
Everything that is supposed to last forever is over quickly  
And everything that ..... I forgot

## The gambler's lament

Seven come eleven was his boastifying crack  
Don't care for your dice game so I'm goin' to the track  
He now owns the casino with an ego crushing grin  
The nag I bet the house on is yet to come on in

## Three definitions

A kiss is a hug of the lips

A Sashay is dance of the hips

A sigh is a swoon of the soul

All three are the sum of the whole



## I Believe

Nothing can effect you as much as your belief  
It can elate you or it can bring you grief  
You can quickly change it if you really try  
And end up much more happy and know the reason why

## The sun goes down

The sun goes down most every night  
No one know to where  
And in the morn to my delight  
I always find it there

## Slow learner

She taught me things I didn't know  
Of how to love and where to go  
I 'm sure I got it but even so  
I couldn't find the mistletoe

## The liar's enigma

Why can't a liar ever tell the truth?  
Because logic forbids it forsooth  
For when he says, "I always lie"  
That's the truth making his confession a lie

## I love the way she walks

Alluring charms from top to bottom  
This gal of mine has really got 'em  
And when she walks she kinda wiggles  
Filling both our ears with giggles.

## How do you feel?

The crazy way that my heart beats  
Is totally caused by you, sweets  
When yours joins mine I often find  
The duet drives me out of my mind  
Are you similarly inclined?

## My lifelong bus trip

The journey my bus-life takes is long and often tough  
Passengers get on and passengers get off  
I strive to honest but sometimes I bluff  
The route end is unknown to me yet worth the trip enough

## Keep em in line

Reincarnation is the divine's recycling plan  
The divine can do it like no one can  
It's all infused with a thing called Karma  
That's how you keep 'em down on the farma



## What do you know?

I've gotten so much wiser since I've learned how little I know  
To you I pass on that idea, It'll help you as you grow  
It's easy to remember and there's very little to it  
Now you can say I don't know now but I can learn to do it.

## Surprize!

The door to happiness seemed closed  
When fate brought love while I reposed  
Then I awoke and I did find  
A true love who is oh so kind

## Important Illusions

It's a secret buried in dreams  
And more important than it seems  
Cleverly formed by notions in your mind  
That once awakened you cannot find

## We got the power

A small honest "thank you" can work wonders un-imagined  
It costs the giver and receiver nothing but fills both with pleasure  
A snide remark can go very deep and hurt all involved'  
What untapped powers we all possess to help or harm another

## Alien algebra

Long ago studying alien algebra

I learned that although five plus two usually equals seven

Sometimes they add up to six

For small values of two and smaller values of five

## Am I that brave?

My ancestors bravely crawled out of the sea  
Without a single thought of me  
Do I display such bravery ?  
I wonder, can it be?

## What really counts

From the start of life until it ends  
Nothing is as important as having good, true friends  
Fame and riches are super neat  
But a BFF just can't be beat

## Our gifts

Sunbeams, raindrops gifts from above  
Entities that conjure up sweet thoughts of love  
When they appear please stop and enjoy  
they're not here forever but here now for our joy



## Can truths change?

If one old truth is now not true  
Because we've learned something new  
Must we now doubt other old truths  
And must they also find new proofs

## Think first

I'll not forget next time

I'll think before I hurry

The world's alright again

And me, I'm free from worry

## It's the truth

The truth can not be corrupted  
Nor it's meaning interrupted  
But falsehoods all abound  
Just waiting to be found

## Lead, follow or get out of the way

Become your own true leader

Pay sharp attention do

In earnest seek an answer

Your leader will be you

## Where it starts

This poem comes straight from the heart  
That's the place where most things start  
Listen closely to your own aorta  
Perhaps you'll be the next Cole Porter

## Opposites are necessary

Life always has its ups and downs  
We'd like it to be all ups  
But if somehow that could be true  
Would the ups really be ups

## **My growth**

I'm learning how to become spiritual  
I never thought I could  
It guides me on my journey  
To do the things I should  
It doesn't take much effort  
Less than I thought it would  
It sends out love everywhere  
And all becomes so good

## Are you lonely

Loneliness is gut-wrenching  
Pets can help a lot  
But find someone to whom you can sing  
It might just hit the spot



## Save that thought

The thoughts that travel through your head  
Need not be followed nor even said  
Most aren't correct or even deep  
But now and then there's one to keep

## Free at last

To become freed from greed

A large task indeed

I have all that I need

The surplus I gladly cede

## Is it real?

Reality's just a dream created  
And so hard to ignore  
It can't be proven or even negated  
But still we yearn for more

## It doesn't matter

My dates with Diane  
Need no special plan  
Regardless the weather'  
We find joy together

## Two for the price of one

Growing old and growing wise are two quite separate things yet  
Wrinkles do not guarantee wisdom but that's the way to bet

## My back is back

My back hurts today  
And I've treated it so well  
Is it how much I weigh?  
I just can never eve tell

## Getting mad is a normal part of life

Anger's an emotion that we're taught to keep in check  
To do so is unhealthy and can make your life a wreck  
It doesn't go away just because you hold it in  
To internalize and absorb it is of course the real sin

## Strange dream

Last night in my pajamas  
I saw a buffalo  
How he got into them  
I guess I'll never know



## Negative emotions

I find it difficult  
To write about  
My negative emotions  
Which are always  
Based on fear  
My solution to  
This problem is  
Air them publicly  
In this platform  
Right here.

## Never too old

Old folks can be lovers too  
As strange as that may seem  
They do it somewhat slower - True  
And often like a dream

## Prostate exam protocol

See a qualified urologist just as often as you're able

But don't let him examine you with both of his hands on the table

## Visiting Istanbul

Boy I sure would like to visit Istanbul again  
I've never actually have visited Istanbul  
But many times before I have wanted to visit Istanbul  
And once I wanted to visit Istanbul many times

## Goodnight darling

You goodnight kiss excites me so  
Wish it would never end  
Though in the end I have to go  
And leave my dearest friend

## Wanna bet?

Scared money cannot win  
So the sages say  
I believe so I'm all in  
Chips falling where they may

## Nature appreciated

My girl loves birds and flowers  
And gives them all their due  
And wiles away the hours  
While making dreams come true.

## Hidden messages

Inferences are what we make  
From all those words unsaid  
But better we should just patake  
Of spoken words instead



## J" a" nu" a" ry to December

Months containing "r" a"r"e simply g"r"eat  
"A"nd M" a" y and June a"r"e monosyll" a" bic  
"A"ugust "a"lways comes in f" a" r" too l" a" te  
But July is best "a"nd it's my f" a" vorite pick

## Love that twinkle

Your eyes are like the stars at night  
They twinkle like stars do  
Your kisses are a pure delight  
And always far too few

## Now and then

The past has passed often long ago  
The future's a mystery not yet to know  
The present is real in all it's glory  
So act right now and write your story

## Me and you, kid

I dreamt that I was the only one here  
Full of love yet full of fear  
Do you sometimes feel that way too?  
If so we're both right then there niow are two

## Too many balls in the air at once

Multitasking is a good way to do several things at once

Poorly

You're better off doing them individually and correctly

Surely

## For the birds

It seems to defy avian reason  
When making a budget plan  
That two toucans can live as cheaply  
As one toucan can.

## There's always something new

Lifetime learning is my goal  
Both for body and for soul  
Never-ending full of joy  
That's the ticket for this boy

## Trees at night

Night has fallen the trees are sleeping  
'cept for that yonder willow weeping  
She's busy with a secret keeping  
To share with all someday



## Overplan and underdo

He planned the large endeavor  
Each detail had a name  
It took a year and then more  
Too late now ? What a shame!

## My journey

I journey through this life of mine  
Enjoying all the blessing  
It's best to sip and not to gulp the wine  
At least that's what I'm guessing

## Odds and ends

Mice and rice and fleas and trees  
What poem can we make of these  
Mix them well with gobs of honey  
Then try your best to make it funny

## Where are the poems?

Poems come from everywhere  
And almost everyone  
The act of love? Just freely share  
Then all all can join the fun

## Why get angry?

I used to get angry when things bothered me  
Getting mad made them worse I've now come to see  
Now I breathe deep and and count up to ten  
By the time I reach nine I'm OK again

## The solution

Love is always the answer

It works miracles for all

Skip the wallflower - be a dancer

Enjoy yourself - that's your call

## Face it

Don't run away from problem's woes  
They're often our best teachers  
Either give them your best of shows  
Or go sit in the bleachers

## Metatmorphoses?

My girl yearns for a bad boy  
And here I am - vanilla  
Quite a stretch for me- oy!  
Must I be a gorilla?



## Old school contact

Sometimes I hug her to provide her support  
Other times just for the endorphinish hormones  
Either way she's always a real good sport  
And we do it without using our smartphones

## Love and fear

Strangers are new friends not met yet  
Obstacles just knowledge to be acquired  
Living with love's such a good bet  
And fear's to be faced not admired

## My workplace

It really is a mystery  
It's always been my lot  
My best ideas all come to me  
While sitting on the pot

## Means or ends

I used to concentrate on goals  
Now I focus more on journeys  
The here and now is for our souls  
The ends are horizons we please

## Something new

A new path often contains some risk  
But sometimes too a reward  
So mark it with an asterisk\*  
Don't hoist it on its own pitard

## Focus, focus, focus

The world is full of distractions  
And it's harder and harder to be wise  
One of the very best actions  
Is to keep your eyes on the prize

## Saturday afternoon date of years gone by

Took my girl to the movies and we saw a double feature  
Stopped my the malt shop to share a two-straw coke  
Tried to give her a kiss but I just couldn't reach her  
Finally made her giggle when I told my favorite joke

## Play fair

You can't go life always cheating  
Though far too many have tried  
It's your own self that your treating  
By playing the game fair with pride



## Across the pond

There once was this beauty from England  
Who removed all her charms to a new land  
She made all the guys smile  
For quite a good while  
And now she's all mine ain't life grand

## That old feeling

One old virtue now seems out of fashion  
It used to be called loving compassion  
It then meant empathy for your brother  
Recently replaced by screw the other

## Timing is everything

Now is the hour  
Here is the place  
We got the power  
Let's join in the race

## Intelligence?

It's getting harder and harder to be the stupidest person in the room

Crazy has become normalized

The planet's getting ready to go boom

Yet here we sit watching TV mesmerized

## Love

How Patient!

A Prisoner Within My Heart

Awaiting A Savior's Key

Delivered By Hands

Now Knarled With Time

The Glory Of His Love

Has Anointed Me

## Is it too late?

It's never too late to say "I'm sorry"  
Never too late to say, "Let's try"  
Seldom too late to say, " Don't worry"  
Always too late to say, "That's mine".

## Save your dreams or spend 'em

I flung my dreams into the air  
They fell to earth I know not where  
To tell the truth I do not care  
New dreams will come I am aware  
And if I'm brave enough to dare  
Then I'll have dreams enough to spare

## Let it go

Poems are wonderful emotional releases  
Each poet writes Just a much as he pleases  
They don't have to rhyme or keep a steady meter  
And what do they mean? Just ask the dear reader



## Timing is everything

My alarm is set for seven  
And I am set for nine  
If we could only compromise  
Our lives would be just fine

## Inhale

I gaze upon my atomizer  
Built for me by folks at Pfizer  
Staving off the threat of death  
The gift to me Take a deep breath: life-giving breath

## Things are different

Freedom is not free  
Justice is not just  
Harmony does no harm  
And endless has no end

## A puzzle

Now I'm a geezer just eighty-three years old  
Been only studying piano a few weeks now  
And amazingly somehow there's music coming out bold  
I'm frankly puzzled and don't know how

## Progress?

The Industrial Revolution  
Made all of our lives much easier  
But created so much pollution  
That our future is much queasier

## Trying too hard

This is a poem that I'm trying to make up  
The coffee is nearly gone from my best cup  
I'm wondering if this thing I shouldn't have started  
Whoops! I'm straining so hard that I think I just farted

## Don't overfocus

Looking way down the road through this long narrow tunnel  
I glimpse at the future and grin  
But why is my glance thus confined through a funnel  
When there's so much more I could take in?

## Sippin' but not soda

I drink my gin and tonic  
And feeling quite platonic  
Then really I don't know why  
End with whiskey made from rye



## Whee!

Poems make me happy

Poems make me sad

Some poems are sappy

But read a heartfelt poem and i feel so doggonned glad

## Do it now

Don't wait to decide

'Til you have all the facts that you 'need'

I know 'cause I've tried

My first decision's still lacking even it's primary seed

## Perspective

They can't all be winners  
You'll eat some lousy dinner  
But never have the gall  
To forget those with no food at all

## Find the magic

Don't only make a star-blessed-wish for it  
Do the hard work that makes it happen  
It'll never happen if you just sit  
The "magic solution", my friend. is you

## Who's in control?

Self control is a skill few master  
Yet it's lack often courts disaster  
So study that art and you might find  
A life of love and peace of mind

## In the beginning

Start each day with a firm intention  
Of beautifying the world's condition  
In many ways that you need not mention  
And magically they come to fruition

## The winning secret

The race is won on the practice field  
The results are displayed at the finish line  
Put in the hard work and it very well may yield  
A winner's lap and It'll feel fine

## Don't work so hard

The poems that come easiest seem to be the best  
They cleverly separate themselves completely from the rest  
So from this day on I'm surely gonna try  
To just let 'em flow as easy as cooling pie



## We are the champions

We are the end product of thousands of successful spermatozooks  
The millions of also-rans they beat ended up going nowhere  
So we are not the busts but rather the booms  
We truly are winners beyond compare

## Nobody knows everything

All nature's creatures have a purpose  
The slug, the scorpion and the porpoise  
Sometimes we just don't understand  
What it is and how it's planned

## Missing with no explanantion

I skip a clever poem or two  
Each winter holiday season  
And no excuse I'll give to you  
You'll have no rhyme or reason

## Definitions

Wisdom is knowledge tempered over many years

Courage is stepping up while still burdened with fears

Loyalty is steadfastness no matter the cost

And hope is a vision that must not be lost

## Ancestry.huh?

Every creature on earth has its place  
And if your lineage you honestly trace  
Just look up that tall tree  
and espy that monkey  
That's grandpa asleep - A banana smack dab in his face

## The new math

I love things I can calculate  
And map out with a graph  
If I can just matriculate  
I'll have the final laugh

## Who's playin' who? (or whom?)

I'm learning to play the piano  
Or is the piano learning to play me?  
The truth is I really don't know  
The universe's a mystery to me

## Persevere

If the road is steep  
Take smaller steps  
The rewards you'll reap  
(With determined mindset)  
Do all your preps



## Kant spel

As a youngster attending school  
My least favorite subject was spelling  
I never got it and felt the fool  
Does spelchek hide my flaw - no telling

## Squeaky wheel

My shopping cart's wheel squeaks  
So I get lots of attention  
It's done so for weeks  
And it causes great tension  
Through all this turmoil  
When will it get oil?  
That question is pivotal  
The answer is: never will

## Safe or risky

Change is often uncomfortable  
So I stick to the tried and true  
It keeps my life quite stable  
But where is the something new?

## Lovely weeds

Weeds are just flowers that most people don't like  
You'd never take a picture of one on your hike  
They get the last laugh tho' when the flowers disappear  
And why the last laugh, they come back each year

## My Girl

My girl has made my life complete  
She's smart and cute and awfully sweet  
How I met her I'll never know  
Am I in love?, I sure think so.

## Say What?

Sometimes I have nothing clever to say  
It seldom happens but today-----  
Since poetry gives me lots of sway  
I gonna say it anyway

## Quiet walk

One day I took a long, long walk  
And planned to do it with no talk  
I learned that day many new cool things  
But most of all how nature sings

## Focus

Look towards your own goal

Honor your journey fully

That's your Super Bowl

Forgive yourself don't be your own bully



## Awesome!

Life is a miracle that happens each day  
Be constantly amazed at its wonder  
'Cause when you look at it in that sort of way  
You'll smugly smile at that thunder

## Here today, gone tomorrow

Nothing lasts forever  
Everything has its day  
This includes whatever  
Enjoy it while you may

## The best

When I think of things that I consider fun  
Being with my loved ones is surely number one  
Tho' my family's scattered in many different ways  
We find a way to congregate around the holidays

## Stay open late

If you're open to new ideas  
You'll use your eraser more than your pencil  
But you might just see the world as  
More than just a utensil

## They who've preceded you

Be thankful for the gifts you have

Try not to wish for more

Remember like a calming salve

Your forefathers of yore

## Don't look away look inward

You can't escape from yourself  
Put that idea on the shelf  
Take a deep look inside and see  
What a decent person you can be

## 24 hours

Greet each day as a new blank slate  
Paint it with your heart  
Draw outside of the lines if you wish  
And fully play your part

## Don't stop trying

Not every swing becomes a home run  
Few Hail Marys result in touchdowns  
Nor do many free kicks end up as goals  
But if you don't try - none do



## Give it up

Love is the answer

Surrendering to it is not a crime

Holding back is not a sin

But you'll never know what might have been

## More truth than poetry

Seeking the truth is my lifelong journey  
So many ideas contrary to what I've been taught  
It's hard work and comes to me slowly  
But immensely important as well it aught

## Did you catch the signal?

A rose petal is much more  
Than a beautiful thing  
Its a message before  
The arrival of spring

## Are corporations people?

Corporations only want your money  
That's their single concern, honey  
For anything else - Hell they're far too busy  
Grin and bear it - but it ain't funny

## Who do you trust?

Trust your heart and not your mind  
Surrender to it completely  
If you do so you will find  
Not the false mask but the true me

## Hey, I'm getting wet

It can rain, rain, rain  
And I won't complain  
'cause I know, know ,know  
That it makes things grow.

## Be your real self

Be everything that you can be  
Is great advice and it's all free  
One moment each day and you will see  
Don't be shy go have your spree

## A sad event

Today's a sad day in my life  
Reminds me of when I lost my wife  
I know that this too will surely pass  
I slowly grieve - my silent mass



## And that's the truth

True friends say yes your ass looks fat in that dress  
They tell you stories that to others they won't confess  
Listen to them carefully and you will find  
That they often have your best interests always in mind

## Right or Wrong

You get to have an opinion

You don't get to always be right

You might be my favorite minion

In that case my buddy you might

## On the average

Life's path (or journey) is chock full of bumps  
Sometimes we're heroes and sometimes were chumps  
Don't get too high and don't go too low  
Moderate everything and go with the flow

## Set realistic goals

Perfection is the enemy of of improvement

So "perfect" is topped by 80%

It may seem contradictory

But try is out and you will see.

## Old guy on the 88s

Playing the piano is really fun  
And thankfully I'm the lucky one  
I may not do it skillfully  
But than I can at all's the mystery

## Today

I am grateful for this gift "today"  
What wonders it may bring  
I'll find out along the way  
And take some time to sing

## **New information may bring new attitudes**

Don't be afraid to change your mind  
Hear other's thoughts and you may find  
If you learn facts that are brand new  
Rethink your position if they are true

## It just takes one

You're lucky if you can name one true friend  
That will stick with you always to the end  
I am blessed to be in that position  
I hope forever - that's what I'm wishin'



## Don't be so sure

Certainty is curiosity's worst enemy  
It blindfolds you and it blindfolds me  
Humility can make us pure  
If we weren't always so doggoned sure

## The magic Mixture

Corny tho' it may sound  
I have always found  
That anything mixed with love  
Fits like a well worn glove

## Change of pace

Sometimes you gotta run  
Sometimes you gotta walk  
Sometimes you gotta crawl  
But you gotta get there

## Poetry for everyone

Everyone can be a poet  
Few are aware but most don't know it  
It doesn't even have to rhyme  
Just consult your heart every time

## Seldom or Never

I never say never although I just did twice  
A poetic contradiction that isn't very nice  
Perhaps I'll say seldom in it's place  
That's a close substitution that helps me save face

## Know thy country

Most Americans born here couldn't pass a naturalization test  
And can recall the first eight presidents and Gettysburg Address at best  
Yet somehow Feel superior to immigrants and and the unwelcomed rest  
But wave the flag and pledge allegiance with jingoistic zest

## Name calling

Facebook Friends aren't always friends

Apple Geniuses aren't ever geniuses

The Motley Fools are never fools

When will the bullshit end?

## Unconnected thoughts

When God created the platypus  
He did it with spare parts, I guess  
The creature's a bit of this and that  
My favorite aqua maniac

Citrus fruits all suit me best  
So I like living in the west  
If taters were my favorite thing  
I'd live in Ireland and be a king

Verse one and two are unrelated  
Have some poetic rule I've violated?  
The Hell with rules I often say  
I'm gonna do it my own sweet way



## Climbing up the ladder

My recent poem made made the trending list  
It was the one with a kind of twist  
Also had a theme without a gist  
Yours will be next - so don't get pissed

## Me and she and the dog

We passionately embraced - a super hug  
And somehow landed on the rug  
It wasn't so bad after all  
The dog then joined our free for all

## Whose wine is it, anyway?

Lips that touch wine  
Shall never touch mine  
Get your own damned wine  
Then we'll be fine

## Day by day

I birth a poem 'most every day  
And I'll continue come what may  
Some are inspired and others drug out  
If I miss a day then I won't pout

## Meant to be

Rose petals have their purpose  
As does the prickly thorn  
Everything's a package  
That's why we all were born

## **And nothing but the truth**

Come to me with openness  
Resist the urge to hide  
You relate and I'll confess  
We'll both enjoy the ride

## sharing is caring

Share your love with those you meet

It's the bestest way to greet

The world will become a better place

How easy to improve the human race

## Shut the world off for a few minutes each day

Each day take time to meditate  
You needn't have to do it great  
Surrender your cares during that chosen time  
And stay as silent as a mime.



## Real freedom in the USA

The way to make this country free  
Is to unseat all the GOP  
Their guns, their phony Jingoistics as well  
Can disappear and go to Hell

## Smarty pants

They say I'm sharp but I was framed  
I just pay close attention  
I do know things I've not yet named  
That I might never mention

## Yummy!

My life is like a box of assorted candy  
Some pieces are nutty and chewy and some are dandy  
The choice is always mine to pick  
And if I take too much I might get sick

## Now hear this

Emotions are messages your heart sends to your brain  
Sometimes they're complicated and other times quite plain  
They've been around much longer than the ideas in your head  
Like all important messages they're best if carefully read

## Seriously

Don't take yourself too seriously

There are many others who also call themselves "Me"

Be grateful that you can feel and touch and smell and hear and see

And convert that "Me" into a "We".

## Dream Away

I have the strangest dreams at night  
With impossible beings of the craziest manner  
And if I recall and I think I might  
I met a monkey who could fart the Star Spangled Banner

## Depends upon how you look at it

Can we not see the forest for the trees?  
Or Can we not see the trees for the forest?  
And though we try just as much as we please  
This age-old puzzle will never bore us.

## How can I tell?

Some days I can't find two words that rhyme  
And I think, "Am I just wasting time?"  
I wonder if I am really a poet  
And if so how will I know it?



## Let it go

Poems are like diuretics and laxatives  
They bring what's inside of you out'  
Sometimes they tickle your ribs  
Aided no doubt by fresh sauerkraut

## **Raise your hand if you know the question**

Lifelong learning is a wonderful plan  
My goal is to learn as much as I can  
The answers on the Internet all are fine  
But the questions, dear reader, will all be mine

## Life's pivotal moments

As I'm growing older, my heart is growing bolder  
And life's moments are more precious  
I'm saving all my memories in an old manila folder  
And, man, they're so delicious

## Was it really help

I helped an old lady to cross the street  
It took much more time than I thought tho'  
She moved so slowly and not at all fleet  
I guess she did not want to go

## Her

She brings me happiness without an end  
All of my love to her I send  
Time with her I'll gladly spend  
And best of all she's my best friend

## Friendship

A true friend will tell you when your pants are unzipped  
A true friend will tell you when your slip slipped  
A true friend will tell you when your shoe laces are untied  
Thank the lord I have no true friends - no I lied

## True friend

Last night I dreamt that there was no one better  
She ached to kiss me so I let her  
We both then disappeared into a fog  
When I awoke it was my dog.

## Whole lotta shakin' goin' on

I sometimes feel some strange vibrations  
Was it something I ingested?  
I'll be more careful with my libations  
Now all my intake will be pre-tested



## Do it yourself

The greatest thing about masturbation  
Is that you don't have to get dressed up  
When I find myself in that situation  
I quickly seek a site for the inevitable erupt

## In a few words

My poetic style is quite succinct

The fewer words the better

I hope it never goes extinct

Verbosity I'll always fetter

## My best friend

A man's best friend may be his dog

A lady's her new vibrator

It takes her to that climactic fog

She'll get it sooner or later

## Can't we all just get along?

I try to live simpatico  
It's really not all that trying  
I just release my false ego  
And do it without lying

## Nothing is perfect

I had warm nuts while travelling first class  
And much room for my toes, knees and fat ass  
The stews were all cute  
'cept the one from Beirut  
Who kept stuffing my tacos with wet grass

## words rhyme sometimes

Some words are very hard to rhyme  
Like dangerous purple oranges  
When confronted with this task  
I fall back on my sporanges

## Good intentions

Now-a-days he/she seldom mentions  
My growing list of good intentions  
Should any one of them actually be fulfilled  
I hope they turn out to be as good as billed

## Good advice

If you're asking for my advice  
Cut it once but measure twice  
Living dangerously is not a bore  
But playing it safe will gain you more



## It doesn't hurt to be lucky

On the wheel of fortune of life  
I've had more than my share of winners  
And luckily a dearth of pain and strife  
Lotsa love and some unforgettable dinners

## Stepping out of the comfort zone

There may be comfort in the usual  
But the world's a whole lot bigger  
New ideas deserve your and my perusal  
At least that's what I figure

## Either way

My planning structure always has a plan B  
It's very important to me for you see  
My plan A sometimes goes astray  
But doesn't ruin my beautiful day

## Here's to you

The wearing of the green is here today  
Where everyone's suddenly Irish  
We all drink our beers in our own special way  
Until every word's ending is ish.

## My place or your place

To finish first is quite a thrill  
I sometimes won't and sometimes will  
But win, show or place  
I'll remain in the race

## Enjoy your gifts

An open mind is a gift from the universe  
The key to understanding the world  
A giving heart blessings disburse  
Treasure both as your life unfurls

## Do it!

Poems can be created very fast  
And some of them might even last  
Whatever interests you - pick it out  
Then find out if you have some clout

## Well, at least I'm not late

Since I've been retired I tend to mix up the days  
The results can be comical in so many ways  
I show up at the restaurant twenty-four hours early  
After several hours of waiting I get kind of surly



## Winning vs. Losing

If you really pay attention  
You'll learn more from losing than from winning  
Just set a firm intention  
From the end to the beginning

## Two sides of a coin

Sadness exists as a contrast to bliss  
One strengthens the other and let me say this  
If neither were present our world would be bland  
They create the foundation upon which we all stand

## The trees or the forest

Don't smell the roses just smell one  
Count all the petals until you're done  
Gingerly touch its thorn for that's its "gun"  
It seems like work but it's really fun

## Real or not real?

Life is but a dream  
No matter how you scheme  
It's never really real  
No matter how you feel

## Where it's happening

Everything important happens at the edges  
For that's where two very different things meet  
They intermingle without sworn pledges  
And new life is born - ain't that sweet?

## The biggest gift

This gift of life is a thing of beauty  
Honor it well for that's our duty  
Take time to thank the giver of this present  
Then we all feel better - gee, ain't it pleasant

## Dream on

Clocks and cocks and lox and socks  
Fill my dream with pulchritude  
And the feelings it unlocks  
Are indescribable - I tell you dude

## moderation

Exercise in moderation keeps a body fit  
And that includes both physical and mental  
Start quite early in your life - don't quit  
Plus keep your attitude quit gentle



## She's real

The girl of my dreams is real so it seems  
For I enjoy her company 'most every day  
Our joy is shared in both bundles and reams  
I've won the love lottery - what more can I say?

## It's on the the tip of my tongue

The mere sight of her makes my heart skip a beat  
And I wonder is it love or arrhythmia  
These opposite thoughts often compete  
I almost figured it out - damn that persistent amnesia!

## Take charge

Our world to a great extent is what we make it  
We can't always control what happens to us  
Our response, however, we CAN control and best not fake it  
Turn all those minuses into one big plus

## We should

Cut it once but measure twice  
Is mighty fine carpentry advice  
Do this this with your favorite wood  
And things'll turn out like they should

## Pass it forward

The greatest gift you can ever give is love  
Forgiveness isn't so very bad too  
Both are sent to you from up above  
And good to pass it forward with it's true

## What are your plans?

If you let it life can be

A self-fulfilling prophesy

Imagine fear and fear you'll find

Practice love and the future will be kind

## Where's the beauty?

Beauty exists in the eye of the beholder  
Some is quite delicate and some quite bolder  
One kind is delicate and the other very elusive  
The beauty in my girl is extremely exclusive

## Is it true?

If "you're getting old" is not a rumor  
Try to keep your sense of humor  
Unhappy with this little vesre?  
Remember that the alternative is worse



## Oops!

There once was a man debonair  
Who did everything with quite a flair  
His shoes always shined  
And his manner refined  
But his fly was unzipped - De rigueur

## Gotta fix it

My out of order sign doesn't work  
Must have been designed by some careless jerk  
I'll fix it whe I get some some free time  
If not I'll have a steep wall to climb

## **Wipe that grin ON your face**

I've been thinking for a while  
That nothing brightens like a smile  
The more you do so through the day  
The more it smooths your journey's way

## Don't give up

It's true that talent often brings success  
And luck plays its part too  
But persistence is more important - I'd guess  
And that's my point of view

## The things that count

We cherish our moments together  
They're life's greatest gifts to be sure  
Those moments to be remembered forever  
Are fun-filled and lovingly pure

## Different strokes

I started with a page that was totally blank  
And quickly created a poem that I thought really stank  
Then a stranger read it and to my great surprise  
Found a message within that he thought really wise

## It just happens

The waves of the ocean crash against the shore

The sunrise takes place everywhere every day

The stars fill the skies is a display galore

All of this happens and we don't have to pay

## The intelligence gap

I have many areas of of ignorance  
But at least I know that I don'y know  
And given just the barest chance  
I'll try to learn some mo'.



## **Contrast is important**

Cheese and wine and French bread are my delight  
And they all taste much better when I don't have them every night  
Moderation and alternation seems to be the magic key  
At least that's how it seems to me.

## It CAN be better to give than receive

I spend a few minutes every day  
Making loans to Kiva my favorite non-profit  
It aids the world's poor and I'm glad to say  
I own one of their tees and seldom doff it.

## Take a breath

The most important ten seconds of your life  
Can be the short pause before responding to unsettling strife  
And always being in the kneejerk mode  
Might cause a situation to explode

## Get smart

How much of my intelligence can be attributed to  
The things that I'm probably sure that I don't know  
The same might be true of others but perhaps not for you  
I guess we'll all have to learn on our journey as we go

## the journey

Means to an end is an illusion  
There is no end but only means  
Why is there so much confusion?  
Must be encoded in our genes

## On your mark

Garbage in equals garbage out  
It's what you start with that counts  
That's what enlightenment's all about  
To create outcomes on a golden platter

## Choose substance not glamour

Life is a marathon not just a sprint  
Use your time and energy wisely  
Be not distracted by gleam or glint  
You'll probably end up nicely

## Is there a subject out there?

Writing a poem 'most every day is no simple task  
Finding a subject is often quite the enigma  
If your favorite is missing you simply can ask  
And I'll give it a shot without stigma



## Yes it's risky

Sometimes you just have to roll the dice  
And risk that the outcome won't be nice  
Going for broke is not a sin  
So what the heck go completely all in

## What a doll!

There once was a girl cute and sweet  
Who's pleasure 'twas mine once to meet  
Her charms are quite real  
Therefore kisses I'll steal  
And I love her once more I'll repeat

## Thanx y'all

Be grateful to those who help you  
And in truth that's everyone  
And to thine own self be true  
Know all the world is one

## Still room for more

When you have it all like I do  
It's tempting to stop improving  
But I won't I tell you true  
I'll just keep on coolly grooving

## The Microbe Manifesto

Although we don't like to admit it  
Germs are God's creatures too  
And don't throw an outrageous fit  
Give them their space - please do

## Well, Hey, good lookin'

Beauty is truly in the eye of the beholder  
One person's two is another's ten  
We learn this usually only after we grow older  
Love makes invisible imperfections again and again

## Every day a holiday

If each day were a holiday  
To greet becomes a joyous play  
All fear removed from stranger's grasp  
Enemies transformed to friends at last  
If each day were a holiday  
I'd speak to strangers and I'd say  
"Howdy neighbor how they layin'  
Don't look down - I'm only playin'"  
If each day were a holiday  
Strangers might become friends  
And say to each other "come this way  
Here's where loneliness ends"

## Hold that tiger

If you have a tiger by the tail  
It's best to hold on tight  
That way the big cat won't prevail  
But then again he might



## You got support

You don't have to go it alone  
The universe is always there to help  
Just surrender and make it your known  
Relax there's no need to yelp

## Get it straight

Goals are just directions not ends  
The wise person looks closest at the path  
Share all your blessings with friends  
And in no time you'll be at peace - do the math

## Manifesting happiness

The things I really treasure  
I take my time to build  
My gosh it's such a pleasure  
To have a dream fulfilled

## Surprize!

Today will be  
Like no other day  
Just wait and see  
Have fun while you play

## Best friends

Lovers come and lovers go  
But best friends last forever  
I'm so glad that this is so  
Life's bestest quest and endeavor

## Things were better then

When you enthuse about the good old days  
One thing to keep in mind  
They may have had their winning ways  
But 70+ year old folks were hard to find

## See what's there and respond

Face the world with your eyes wide open  
Do the very best you can  
Never ever give up hopin'  
And always appreciate your fellow man

## Lifelong learning

I've walked my path for eight decades  
And the best lesson I have learned  
Be humble and lead no false parades  
Then share that which I've earned



## Poetry for me

I never planned to be a poet  
Had no idea where to start  
But now I am - and don't I know it  
And all the words come from my heart

## Cutting trees and facing the world

The most efficient tree cutter in the world  
Periodically takes time to sharpen his axe  
So when flying your flag keep it sometimes unfurled  
And go at life moderately - dems da facts.

## Football anagram

To all you 49er fans  
Niners "anagrams" into sinner  
I know that doesn't change your plan  
And still think them a winner

## Rebound

Good fortune is all ours to share  
Let's go and spread it everywhere  
The nicest thing we'll ever learn  
Is what goes out will soon return

## I knew that

I knew it all when I was sixteen  
No knowledge did I lack  
And now at more than five times that  
I'm trying to get it back

## just the two of us

Our days are so much lovelier since she's been around  
This wonderful soul mate that I have found  
Anything we do in all kinds of weather  
Is so much better when we're together

## Not all poems are deep

Some poems have no hidden meaning  
Just groups of words that happen to rhyme  
Yet they make the cut and avoid the weaning  
And occasionally are read from time to time

## Don't waste the gift

Each new day is a gift  
Endeavor to spend it wisely  
Give your heart a lift  
That's the ticket precisely



## What do you see?

It's okay sometimes to focus  
And at times take it all in  
Using a little hocus pocus  
You can recall what you want again

## My favorite

My favorite poetic subject is my super girl  
So once more I'll give it a whirl  
She often takes my breath away  
No wonder I'm at peace and gay

## Don't isolate yourself

Keep in touch with those you love

Share your innermost feeling

Acknowledge your debt to that up above

What could be more appealing?

## Here's to you

If you able and you care  
Find something that you can share  
There is no cost to loving sharing  
Hey what's that big fat grin you're wearing?

## The year round

Spring is the start

Summer is the growth

Autumn is the maturing

Winter is the recycling

## I'm so lucky

The list of things I'm grateful for is oh so very long  
Health and wealth longevity and spiritual awareness  
They calm my busy mind and make me strong  
And guide me through the occasional mess

## Ahh! That first cup

That first cup of coffee each morning  
Comes with no caution or warning  
It may wake you up quite quickly  
But jitters could make you feel prickly

## Don't try to figure it out

Life's a puzzle that doesn't have to be solved  
Just doing your best is the primary task  
There are only means no ends are involved  
That's all you can hope for and all you can ask



## It's not so easy

It's always comforting to join the herd  
And agree with their every thought and word  
But if you want to really grow  
You'll have to learn to just say "no"

## Looking back

Now that I'm old I wish I knew  
All the things I "knew" when I was young  
Most of that "knowledge" was quite untrue  
Yet to those untruths I often clung

## Random or planned?

Words seem to flow without reason  
In ways I can't always understand  
I just 'hear' them and rapidly repeat 'em  
Are they random or carefully planned?

## Every day something new

Lifelong learning is a thrill  
I pay attention every day  
I haven't stopped and never will  
As I journey along my way

## partnership

I'm very glad that I mean so much to you  
And what a blessing that vice versa is true  
Our partnership is gift from the universe  
Bestowed upon us in such lovely verse

## Ego

All of us have got an ego  
The sum of everything we've ever learned  
We carry this challenge with us wherever we go  
Please know it's not us then freedom you'll have earned

## Do you know?

You don't know what you don't know until you know it  
Once you do know what you didn't know you can show it  
It sounds a little bit complicated but it isn't  
Good luck finding a proper rhyme for the word isn't

## Change for a change

Variety truly is the spice of life  
So try something new each day if you can  
Do without great effort or strife  
It'll help round you out and that's a good plan



## The talking dog

I used to have a talking dog named Mr. Boo  
But unfortunately I had to get rid of him  
'cuase every command I tried to make him do  
His answer was short and fast and invariable "no"

## My cheetah

I've entered my cheetah in so many races  
Again and again and over again  
I endlessly have run him at so many paces  
He always comes in second - I guess cheetahs never win

## The space between the lines

When reading between the written lines  
We often imagine what isn't there  
So instead of looking for obscure signs  
Interpret the meaning? - Don't you dare

## It's really pretty easy

We can change like caterpillars do  
Into gorgeous butterflies  
Simply by opening our minds and hearts to  
New ideas that can make us wise

## Who said that?

We often are misled by a thing we call our ego  
It has way to much to say about where in life we go  
We think that its ourselves helpfully talking sense to us  
Actually its other people shaping our mind and causing all the fuss.

## Searching protocol

You cannot find the important things in life

But rather they will find you

Just keep your eyes open and avoid internal strife

And let all your dreams come true

## Accolades and pans

To those fellow poets who like my poems  
I appreciate your positive comments - do  
To those of you who don't - you gnomes  
Your criticisms are welcomed too

## Say what you mean

Toiletries don't really bloom toilets  
Misanthropes don't ever come close  
Catacombs don't preen feline pets  
English is confusing - Heaven knows



## Chemoflage

Blessings are sometimes disguised as a problem  
Things aren't always what they seem to be  
So just go ahead and do your best to solve them  
It's been that way always through eternity

## Aim high

It's far better to reach for the stars  
And end up falling somewhat short  
Than to aim for the easy low bars  
And achieve them - my morning report

## Stay on the path if you want to be happy

There once was a man from Seattle  
For whom life was one constant battle  
Then he started his journey  
Wound up on a gurney  
Still he smiles why he does I won't tattle

## About face

While cooling my heels in New Haven  
I discontinued my habit of shavin'  
After three days it stated itchin;  
And I was continually bitchin'  
Now my face is an image not quite graven

## Today's the day

Every day contains challenges and opportunities  
Some are large and some are small  
Greet each one with love if you please  
And meet them openly one and all

## Be the first

If you wish to be loved, love someone  
It will make the world a better place  
For after all is said and done  
Giving is the fundamental grace

## Give it your best shot but remain humble

It isn't ever necessary to be absolutely sure  
Just gather the best 'facts' you can amass  
It's quite rare that one's knowledge is faultless and pure  
Remember the saying this too shall pass

## Just the facts ma'am

The question is always where to get the most factual data

The Internet provides the most info but not necessarily the best

The answer to this puzzle will probably come much later

For the time being please let me get this off my chest



## Really big!

The universe is much larger than we mortals can know  
But still we each have our own special place in it  
Learn a small bit about it daily and let your knowledge grow  
Eventually you'll see how all its pieces fit

## Thank you MyPoeticSide

My gratitude is overflowing for MyPoeticSide  
It allows me almost every day to take a brand new ride  
I love the comments that members often make  
And to communicate with other poets - what a way to live!

## Thanx

It may seem like a platitude  
But nothing beats true gratitude  
I try to practice it each day  
In my own transcendental way

## Pick one

We are faced with choices all the time  
Not making a choice is one of them  
One in poetry is which word to rhyme  
And I guess not rhyming at all - like this

## My favorite hippocrene

It took me a long while to get my hippo clean  
But in the end he had quite a sheen  
I've travelled a lot and much I've seen  
And thus the world's my hippocrene

## words of "whiz-dom"?

You can't please them all  
No matter how you try  
To hope so is gall  
Is this message wry?

## good offerings everywhere

Each person has somethings good to offer  
Some are obvious many more arcane  
Discover this by being the first to proffer  
Just remain open and receptive if you so deign

## Steps to success

We learn little by winning  
And a whole lot by losing  
Therefore each failure we endure  
Can be a step to success - I'm sure



## Learn something new each day

Whomsoever you meet (with no exception)  
Knows something you don't perhaps a lot  
So greet them openly - full reception  
And embrace the new knowledge you got

## Perspective

If our world should soddenly vanish  
The universe would barely take notice  
So don't overestimate our collective panache  
We're no more important than the lotus

## Where did it go?

I tried for a poem today  
But the words were not willing to play  
So without pain or sorrow  
I'll retry tomorrow  
I wonder what's coming my way

## Reap what you sow

Although it may seem counterintuitive  
We gain less when we take than when we give  
If only this was better known  
The idea would be more frequently sown

## Fast or slow

When I try to create poems really fast  
Some of them persist and others don't last  
But when I put in some time on one  
I'm much more likely to have fun

## Relatively speaking

Although we live in troubled times  
They pale compared to that of our ancestors  
Those times didn't allow for entertainment and rhymes  
Survival was their quest (and fears)

## Stay alert

Life keeps moving the goal posts  
Yesterday's leasts are today's mosts  
If you want to remain in life's changing flows  
It's best to stay perched alertly on your toes

## One way to say thank you

If you find it difficult to express genuine gratitude  
Focus on one thing that you have that you couldn't live without  
Each day add one more thing to this new attitude  
In a few weeks you'll be surprised how things turn out



## Better goals

Aim for excellence not perfection

Choose first compromise before rejection

Excellence's achievable through many a small gain

Perfection seeking however just leads to pain

## Singing therapy

When things as they often do go somewhat wrong  
Search your mind for a favorite inspirational song  
Sing it softly or sing it strong  
Hear the words and your heart will join along

## Say "hi"

Acknowledge someone today who seldom is "seen"  
The busgirl, the garbage guy the homeless soul, I mean  
It costs you nothing and might make them happy  
After all for far too many folks life is quite crappy.

## At the top of the list

My darling girlfriend is my priority  
She once was queen of her sorority  
But now she's mine and can't you see  
How wonderful life is for lil' ol' me

## I am sorry

I am sorry are the three hardest words to say  
Yet if we could only utter them merely once a day  
Our mental load would be lightened in a most rewarding way  
If you want to know the truth of this you certainly may

## Be Mo Re K I N Ds

I'm fascinated by the chemical periodic table  
I will memorize it just as soon as I'm able  
But basic piano scales on the other hand  
Are quite complicated and totally bland

## Includde every item

Make a list of the things that please ya  
And I'm not just sayin' this to tease ya  
I wrote out mine and it's so lovely and long  
It's a very satisfying thing to do - though I may be wrong

## Judging rules

You can't judge a person by the worst moment of their life

You can't judge a person by their greatest success

You can't judge a person while in bliss or in strife

You can't judge a person at all - I guess



## My girl, my girl, my girl

My girlfriend is both soft and gentle  
She's sweet, kind and so sentimental  
Though I'm past eighty-three  
She's the whole world to me  
We own each other this is no short term rental

## Love reading

I enjoy reading a well written book  
And I don't plan to ever stop  
In many I discover new places to look  
And the best are the cream of the crop

## The whole enchilada

My blessings are too numerous to count  
I'd be an ingrate to overlook them  
To freely share them is my wont  
Across the planet from stern to stem

## How capitalism works in the real world

In our "real" world in truth it isn't at all funny  
That the majority of people are always short of money  
If you wonder how it can be that this is so  
Take a look in your wallet and count up all the dough

## I hope so

One of the most effective ways that anyone copes  
Is to have and remain true to all your high hopes  
You'll find that almost of them you can attain  
And leave you happily free to hope again

## The Audition

Perfect pitch?

Son of a bitch!

Lost a fart.

But I got the part

## You and me babe

Our relationship is a thing of beauty  
Nourishing it is our primary duty  
Why should we be making such a fuss?  
Because it's bigger than the both of us

## whose side are you on?

I can't always side with the crowd  
Taking positions both certain and loud  
Better viewpoints reside in my heart  
At least that's a good place to start



## What do you know?

Learning things new

Often involves unlearning things old

But which of them's true

Both or neither I'm told

## The value of trying

Do not think of failure as that which makes us less  
It's one more step residing on the rough road to success  
It also is a learning tool we must learn to bless  
Not something to hide from as some of us might guess

## How things are

The universe is vast beyond belief  
Our journey here is exceedingly brief  
And we are here, enjoy it while we can  
Please understand that we're a key part of a wonderful plan

## Wants and needs

If you confuse your wants with your needs  
You'll have a change purse that continually bleeds  
And soon too much is not enough  
In the end you'll be buried with all that stuff