

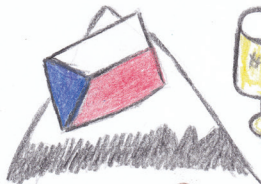


# RHEETS 2018

a year in poetry

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# Introduction

Here is my 7th book of Rheets. Of course, the first one was called Twoems but, Twitter Poems or Rhyming Tweets, it's all the same thing. 365 couplets, more or less, one for each day of the year.

It was not a good year. Oh, personally, it was O.K. We had a nice vacation in Croatia, a lot of my family visited us in Prague, and some wonderful moments were had.

But, as far as public events are concerned, it was horrible. It was the year in which scientists warned the human race, in very clear terms, that we have a limited amount of time to get our shit together, switch to cleaner sources of energy and get all the nasty carbons and shit out of the air, or we are doomed as a species. We, and all other life on Earth, could be extinct in a very short time. The world's politicians and power brokers, as well as a large percentage of its population, seemed to react to this news by saying "Twelve years. Hah. We can fuck it up in six."

We are in trouble, folks. There is no doubt about it. That's not the theme of this book, but a couple of the poems touch on that subject. It's roughly 365 poems, there might be a day without here and there. If you see two with the same date, it probably means I was up late at night, and the first blog is from 2 in the morning.

In any event, it's over, and we're into the year 2019. I hope it's a better one. Here is my recapitulation of 2018, for what it's worth.

Willie Watson

## JANUARY

in which whistleblower Chelsea Manning announces a run for the Senate (which was not successful), there are lots of rumors about Oprah Winfrey running for office, which she quickly denies, and one of my favorite science fiction writers, Ursula Leguin, author of 'The Dispossessed' and 'The Lathe of Heaven,' passes away at the age of 88.

Jan 1

China is important, and developing real fast, but they're still totalitarian, and want to make that last

Jan 2

Melania looks so unhappy, she always wears a frown, it can't be exactly a bundle of laughs to be married to such a clown

Jan 3

What in the world do you have to do, to lose to someone who's trying to lose?

Jan 4

Bannon's book might say some strange things, but I doubt that it will change things

Jan 5

The next election season, could prove to be intense, but progressives shouldn't fight progressives, that just makes no sense

Jan 6

„a very stable genius“ is what he claims to be, and it has to make you wonder, about his sanity

Jan 7

Science always has something new, I wish the Discovery Channel did, too

Jan 8

Oprah gave a great speech, I know, but presidential, I don't think so

Jan 9

I feel like shit, but just a bit

Jan 10

Oh, my, but what a week we've had, but there's been some good news mixed in with the bad

Jan 12

Trump said a swear, and people are alarmed, more so than by all the people he's harmed

Jan 13

Smart is better than stupid, it seems very clear to me, but it's also clear that there are those who don't agree

Jan 14

The trial about Uranium One, promises a lot of fun

Jan 15

The Wikileaks candidate, Chelsea Manning, is running for Senate, no longer just 'planning'

Jan 16

The demographics explains quite a bit, the rich divide us and don't give a shit

Jan 17

How can the public know how to choose, in a given situation, if journalists won't give us the information?

Jan 18

When nothing's reported, we move on, and yet, some things are just too big to forget

Jan 19

Being negative, just to be negative, doesn't improve things, even a bit. To say something mean is easy, but it isn't worth a shit

Jan 20

We've been told how to save the world, it was pretty good stuff. Unfortunately, it wasn't simple enough

Jan 21

The women's march was a great success. What happens now? That's hard to guess

Jan 23

The poetry reading went well enough, but people just like my shorter stuff

Jan 23

Although they were anonymous, we never knew their names, they made a difference in our world, and that's their claim to fame

Jan 24

The works of Ursula K. Leguin, had a very special spin

Jan 25

When my reason isn't on the list, and I can't type it in, it makes me pissed

Jan 26

Oprah's not running, that's not her plan, she's got more sense than most of her fans



Jan 27

Some animals may communicate, but humans really do it great

Jan 28

Just a couple of small things done, but each one leads to the following one

Jan 29

Trump won't go to England because they don't like him there, come to think, poor Donald can't go much of anywhere

Jan 30

I'd love to see Trump be impeached, but over sanctions? That's a reach

Jan 31

The world has changed, things are gonna get rough, and being a Kennedy isn't enough

## FEBRUARY

was a good month for cool science, as much new information about the ancient Mayans is suddenly revealed, and Elon Musk launches a car into space. In the Winter Olympics, Esther Ledecká stuns the world and brings two gold medals home for the Czech Republic, in two different sports.

Feb 1

After a certain point, it's spam, and after that I don't give a damn

Feb 2

Predictable ending, not much of a plot, is Seth Rogen funny? No, really, he's not

Feb 4

Such a lot of new information, about the Mayan civilization

Feb 5

Eagles win, and stocks go down, but the world just keeps on turning round

Feb 6

A penny here, a penny there, rich bastards will steal from you everywhere

Feb 7

There's now a car in outer space, that represents the human race

Feb 8

Donald Trump is an arrogant fool, Rand Paul may be crazy but sometimes he's cool

Feb 9

The 'equation' (or checklist) is being filled in, this is where space exploration begins

Feb 10

Political correctness, at least a little bit, is needed to keep our civilization from totally turning to shit

Feb 11

Wine and oil, oil and wine, one is a nuisance and one is divine

Feb 12

White powder can be many things, when all is said and done,  
white powder can be many things and cornstarch is one

Feb 13

The Obamas' portraits have been revealed, Sean Hannity thinks  
there was something concealed

Feb 14

The winter Olympics is full of surprises, snowboarders flying  
through the sky

Feb 15

Too many guns, but what can we do? Here is a minor suggestion  
or two

Feb 16

13 Russians, that's all, it seems, were needed to crush Hillary  
Clinton's big dreams

Feb 17

Rigging, Hacking, or Tampering, are words that are far too  
strong, but is having a phony Facebook account really all that  
wrong?

Feb 18

If he wants to be read, the writer needs, to keep it short, so that  
people will read

Feb 19

The internet is huge, and international. Whoever thinks they  
can control it is being irrational

Feb 20

Intelligent conversation is at stake, it can't be funny once you know it's fake

Feb 21

The left is a land of infinite choices, but right wingers speak with a single voice

Feb 22

„Paid actors“ is slander, and that's not O.K., but they ran out of other dumb things to say

Feb 24

When I say ‚nuts‘ let me make it plain, in the case of guns, it means insane

Feb 25

Death threats to someone who nearly died, is a brand-new low from the gun nut side

Feb 26

Poetry readings, I go to three, and each is a little different, to me

Feb 27

Gun owners making violent threats, are the best reason for banning guns yet

Feb 28

Hope Hicks has resigned, and I think that's swell, she might have a lot of tales to tell

## MARCH

in which Donald Trump announces tariffs which basically amount to a trade war against the rest of the world, Martin Shkreli gets sent to jail – not specifically for the thing we all hated him for, but everybody's happy nonetheless– and Stephen Hawking, who discovered the Big Bang, passes away, several decades after doctors said he would.

Mar 1

God is good, God is great, bless, O Lord, our guns and hate

Mar 2

When we look out at the endless stars, someday we're going to get that far

Mar 3

We wonder how stupid he can get. Tariffs might be his worst idea yet

Mar 4

A reading tomorrow, I'd almost forgotten, and all that I've written, is pretty well rotten

Mar 5

A lot of the stuff I heard tonight, sounded brilliant, sounded right

Mar 6

Big crowd last night on Wenceslas Square, I kind of wish that I'd been there

Mar 7

There's plenty of water, but here is the curse: if the rich can't make money, we can all die of thirst

Mar 8

The day was rough, the day was long, when things go wrong, they all go wrong

Mar 9

Martin Shkreli's going to jail, and everybody's glad. Ha-ha, Martin Shkreli! That's too fucking bad

Mar 10

Dog spelled backward is God. And the Russian for God is Bog.  
But dogs don't care about stuff like that, they're busy being  
dogs.

Mar 11

Daylight Savings Time is unnecessary, but how irksome is it?  
Not so very

Mar 12

I'm not a vegan, but it is alarming, the inhumane process of  
factory farming

Mar 13

No need to wonder who's to blame, it's the nature of the  
spying game

Mar 14

Stephen Hawking has passed on, to the edge of the universe  
and beyond

Mar 15

Donald Junior is getting divorced, there's no surprise about  
that, of course

Mar 16

Smoking pot is lots of fun, but it really does stop me from  
getting stuff done

Mar 17

Americans don't know what to do, but they probably  
shouldn't support a coup



Mar 18

When darkness permeates the room, and it is time to sleep;  
you slide into unconsciousness and sink into the deep

Mar 19

A woman's been killed by a driverless car, which means we  
need to raise the bar

Mar 20

When you know it exists, but you just can't find it, Google is  
messing with your mind

Mar 21

I don't yet know how much is true; what Facebook did, what  
Facebook knew

Mar 22

You say you're quitting Facebook, but I don't think you will.  
If you did, I wouldn't see your posts, but I can see them still

Mar 23

My blog is lame tonight, I think, don't bother clicking on the  
link

Mar 24

Millions rally for gun control. I think we might be on a roll

Mar 25

Try a little poetry, I'm giving away some books for free!

Mar 26

I really don't see what's the matter, with facebook having my  
public data

Mar 27

There is tension, and then it's ended, once your friend has been unfriended

Mar 28

I post my words in cyberspace, I do not know who sees them; I just hope that someone does, and that sometimes I please them

Mar 29

Kind of lazy but kind of groovy, sat around all day watching movies

Mar 30

Gun loving people attack and attack, but they really need to dial it back

Mar 31

On the one hand, we had a decent sized crowd, on the other, they were a bit too loud

## APRIL

in which Israel goes full Nazi and drops all pretense of even feeling bad about killing innocent civilians, I try to give away some of my books, without a lot of success, Mark Zuckerberg is forced to testify before congress which has the result of making everybody in congress look stupid because, of course, what did they expect?, my wife and I start taking a ballroom dancing course, and Donald Trump gets all butthurt because apparently he doesn't understand what a roast is.

Apr 1

When you see who does it best, that should be a guide for all the rest

Apr 2

Israel kills civilians. They should get all the blame. The problem is that Israel, does not feel any shame

Apr 4

Not a disgruntled employee, as such, but she was disgruntled, oh yes, very much

Apr 5

Perhaps I'm too complacent, and just stick with what I know, but before I leave, I'd like to have a plan for where to go

Apr 6

Robots are going to take all of our jobs, before we expect it, ,cause people are slobs

Apr 7

The internet is vast indeed, so many sites to see, I hope that I can find the one that works just right for me

Apr 8

Robots can be any shape that we need, so there will be many styles, indeed

Apr 9

The curse of late-night TV, it seems, they feed us nightmares, before we dream

Apr 10

Free book! Free book! Come and get it while it's hot, if you want to read my book for free, then this is your shot

Apr 11

Zuckerberg was calm and cool, but the congresspeople were a bunch of fools.

Apr 12

Formal dancing is kind of cool, but I prefer dancing with fewer rules

Apr 13

The ,authorities' are calling for war, war, war, but people don't buy their bullshit no more

Apr 15

War is stupid, war is bad ... war makes people very sad

Apr 15

Look into another nation's soul, and see what they want to be, just by taking a little time, to watch what they watch on TV

Apr 16

The ,rapture' that you are attempting to bring, means the end of the world, and that's not a good thing

Apr 17

If you don't read, before you write, then chances are, you'll write things wrong, and readers who then read your words will not be fooled for long

Apr 18

It used to be said, speak no ill of the dead, but that doesn't apply any more, if you've spent your life, spreading trouble and strife, fear, oppression and war

Apr 19

Art may be misunderstood, but if people like it, it's all to the good

Apr 20

Just came from a great, but excessive dinner, at this rate I'm never going to get thinner

Apr 21

The DNC is bringing suit, is bringing attitude, Trump, and Wikileaks, and Russia all are being sued

Apr 22

Congresspeople make too much money, here's my solution, I'm not being funny

Apr 23

Mental health was one clear factor, that can't truly be denied, but if he hadn't had the guns, nobody would have died

Apr 24

The rapture day has come and gone, again. There will be another soon, but I can't tell you when

Apr 25

,D' and ,R' is not enough, journalists need to ask some stuff

Apr 26

Tilleman taped the whole conversation, the Democrats are an abomination

Apr 27

The government has some serious flaws, but the electoral college is not the cause

Apr 28

The water flowing in the stream, can float you right into a dream

Apr 29

The roast was really a mild poke, but Republicans never can take a joke

Apr 30

The propaganda goes a little too far, when they're lying, and everyone knows they are

## MAY

in which Harry and Meghan get married, and that's by far the biggest news item of the month, whether it should have been or not.



May 1

Trips to the cottage, I often avoid, but yesterday went, and quite enjoyed it

May 2

He lies, and lies, and lies because, that's who he is, that's what he does

May 3

You may own books in large amounts, but reading them is all that counts

May 4

The future is tricky, and everything's movin', don't believe stuff if it hasn't been proven

May 5

Out for a walk, on a sunny day, saw so many changes on the way

May 6

Money is what we decide that it is, and only time will tell, so I'm nervous about bitcoin, but I hope that it does well

May 7

A night of poetry was had. Some of it was good, some kind of bad

May 8

Plagiarism's a very bad thing, I don't recommend it as such, but word for word and in your face, that's a bit too much

May 9

Trump wants to start a war with Iran. Truly, this isn't the smartest plan

May 10

It's very clear why the Democrats lost, but they won't admit it, no matter the cost

May 11

Why don't the aliens just stop by? I can think of a couple good reasons why

May 12

Didn't do much at all today, but wrote a poem, which was just O.K.

May 13

Sarah Palin said something true, something totally right. I blog about this this morning, but it should have been last night

May 14

What Israel did in Gaza today, can't be excused in any way

May 15

Another science fiction show, they come and go, they come and go

May 16

We think we're thinking brand new thoughts, brilliant, shiny, good as gold, and then we see it written in a book that's really, really old

May 17

I can't remember the author's name, the title or much of the plot. I'd like to find this book but, really, that's about all I've got

May 18

A science fiction drama should have thoughtfulness and wit, but there is a great temptation to just blow things all to shit

May 19

I don't know their music, and don't really care, with all the Nazi looking shit they wear

May 20

The wedding is over, and it was a hit, so now we can talk about other shit

May 21

People speak different languages, they talk, they laugh, they sing, but mostly what they talk about are fairly mundane things

May 22

The invisible hand does not caress, it smacks you around and leaves a big mess

May 23

If we want to prevent these situations, we probably have enough information

May 24

Ideal means perfect, as good as it could be, are you an idealist? If not, you should be

May 25

From there to here, from here to there, it's funny how the world's not fair

May 27

1,500 children have disappeared. Even Trump's supporters should admit that's kind of weird

May 28

Sanity, insanity, two different states of mind, but both of them are needed to keep everything in line

May 29

Roseanne is done, and that's O.K., but Alan Bean has passed away

May 30

Melania Trump is missing, why should we even care, it's not as if she does a lot of good when she is there

May 31

The ideas come when the ideas come, there isn't any warning, nothing's there, and then there is, and a new idea is born

## JUNE

in which Anthony Bourdain, by far the most interesting of all the people talking about food on television, dies, we host some out of town guests, Trump gets friendly with Kim Jong-Un, Melania Trump wears a jacket which offends everybody with any sense of decency at all, and Anthony Kennedy resigns from the Supreme Court, probably because his son is involved in a financial scandal involving Deutsche Bank.

Jun 1

Friday is a bit like spring, the beginning of so many things

Jun 2

The etiquette of the internet, is still quite unevolved, but I don't think it's a problem, that ever can be solved

Jun 3

A revolution based on guns, is doomed to fail, and won't be fun

Jun 4

The poetry reading I went to tonight, wasn't all sweetness, wasn't all light

Jun 5

When things happen, three in a row, that points to something you ought to know

Jun 6

Progressives didn't do well today, but ,losing' the ballots is not O.K.

Jun 7

Dance class is over, dance class is done, it was something different, but I wouldn't say fun

Jun 8

An exceptional man, I loved his show, but I don't know why he had to go... RIP Anthony Bourdain

Jun 9

He'd done no wrong, they had no right, they took him away in the dead of the night

Jun 10

Things today were quite instructive, more creative than productive

Jun 11

„Don't ever let them see you sweat," they say. That doesn't work on a hot mid-summer day

Jun 12

The poetry readings are almost done for the summer. One will not return, and that's a bummer

Jun 13

The Democrats are hopping mad, but was talking with Kim really all that bad?

Jun 14

The lesson plan may fall apart, but when one thing ends, another starts

Jun 15

Summer is here, and school's almost done, it's time to relax and have some fun

Jun 16

A lot of things got rearranged, the flat looks good, but slightly changed

Jun 17

It could be better, it's not the best, but Facebook users are not oppressed

Jun 18

For the next few days, we're hosting guests, we hope that they will be impressed

Jun 19

You can miss by an hour, you can miss by a day, in the end, it's all O.K.

Jun 20

A long-ass walk in the hot-ass heat, I am feeling the pain in my sore-ass feet

Jun 21

Melanie Trump has come out and said, in case you were unaware, that as far as kids in cages go, she really doesn't really care

Jun 22

When everybody works together, it's about more than what gets done. The real point is, it's lots of fun

Jun 23

What Caesar actually looked like, no one will ever know, but there is one archaeologist who decided to give it a go

Jun 24

Right or wrong, when you go to the zoo, you're always going to see something new

Jun 25

It's hard to have a civil conversation, when you're in an unacceptable situation



Jun 26

We were being nice, the horrid cow, but there's no reason why we should care now

Jun 27

A couple of wins to celebrate, but the loss today was really great

Jun 28

5 people shot, we don't know why, we don't know why they had to die

Jun 29

Was Anthony Kennedy's resignation because his son is under investigation?

Jun 30

When you're showing off your shit throwing ability, you don't get to talk about civility

## JULY

in which Democratic congressman Joe Crowley gets primaried by a bartender named Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and loses his safe, little seat, the young boys stuck in a cave in Thailand are finally rescued, and we head off on our summer vacation to the Balkans.

Jul 1

Ekphrastic Art is on the rise, and this should come as no surprise

Jul 2

If you don't want to talk politics without end; unfriend, unfriend, unfriend, unfriend, unfriend

Jul 3

Alex Jones lives in a world of fiction, but Civil War? What a stupid prediction

Jul 4

As soon as AI can equal our minds, they'll pass us by and leave us behind

Jul 5

She met him in a restaurant and said what she had to say. Stunned and terrified, Scott Pruitt ran away

Jul 6

the world is a catastrophe, that's clear, but, oddly, it is nice and pleasant here

Jul 7

Is there something eating away at his brain, his speeches are more and more insane

Jul 8

In our lives, and in our government, we all should be focused on the environment

Jul 9

Whether on Facebook or in real life, people are prone to trouble and strife

Jul 10

The rescue is complete, the boys are out, now what in the world will the press start talking about

Jul 12

You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink, and I really do not know how you can make a child think

Jul 12

Crowley lost, and he should be out, but suddenly, there is a doubt

Jul 13

Undiplomatic, crass and crude, Donald Trump is fucking rude

Jul 14

It's strange, and random, and unfair, who gets to be a billionaire

Jul 15

On CNN, the lies abound, but it's better to watch without the sound

Jul 16

He's gone too far this time, he'll get his tiny fingers burned, Trump's so bad that even some Republicans have turned

Jul 17

Trump is pathetic, it's not even funny, but was it the pee-pee tapes or the money?

Jul 18

To achieve a higher consciousness, is quite a noble goal, but the physical world is still present, and it plays a powerful role

Jul 19

A leak or a hack, a leak or a hack, we really need to know. The chances that we ever will, however, are quite low

Jul 20

When you go out, you can look back in, it's a brand-new view, and a new search begins

Jul 21

Isn't it funny, isn't it strange, how frightened they are of Julian Assange?

Jul 22

Steve Bannon's a filthy pig of a man, who has a very nasty plan

Jul 23

What quality of citizens does America seek? I'll take immigrants over Republicans, any day of the week

Jul 24

Trump is horrible, that's nothing new, but eventually that will be history, too

Jul 25

The spies today are not as cool as spies of old, they're not. Mostly they just deliver cash, and sometimes they get caught

Jul 26

Sarah Silverman tweeted a joke, it was nine years ago; now some people are upset, I guess they're kind of slow

Jul 27

Mars has water, this we know now, seems to me, it's time we go now

Jul 28

We choose the words we use, of course, it's an individual choice, but some people manage to text in a sarcastic tone of voice

Jul 29

A pleasant town along the way, after a long and tiring day, it's just what we were looking for, Maribor

Jul 30

When one thing cancels and you have to wait, in an interesting place it can turn out great

Jul 31

Everything's different from everything else, but some things are kind of the same, comparing what is what to what, is an entertaining game

## AUGUST

in which we spend a week on a paradise island, Donald Trump suggests a Space Force and all sorts of people who've never supported NASA are enthusiastic about it, and the Democratic party pretends to make some reforms, but they aren't very convincing.

Aug 1

The sea was beautiful and clear, and the jellyfish sting was not severe

Aug 2

We're all on one planet, we're in the same boat, and we're all going to die if that boat doesn't float

Aug 3

It's hot, it's hot, it's way too hot, and this is the only planet we've got

Aug 4

Every island is a world, a special, unique case, but every world is but an island, floating out in space

Aug 5

The world is multi-faceted and strange. In a couple of hours drive, the scenery changes

Aug 6

A lot of cities are mostly the same, but Ljubljana's ahead of the game

Aug 7

Klagenfurt is worth a shot, if you have a free day and it's not too hot

Aug 8

There are so many places I'll never go, and so many things I'll never do, there are oh, so many things, and so there's always something new



Aug 9

When the fires die down, then the ocean will rise, we will be lucky if we don't all die

Aug 10

The search for clean energy can be frenetic, there's solar, and wind, and also kinetic

Aug 11

Mama Mia, the sequel, was not the worst. You'll like it O.K. if you liked the first

Aug 12

This Space Force thing seems totally mad, but they are quite serious ... that's what's bad

Aug 13

Trump is lying, there's no denying, that isn't anything new, but the problem with the press is that the press is lying, too

Aug 14

\$289 million, might sound like it's a bit rough, but compared to the damage Monsanto does, it's nowhere near enough

Aug 15

Cool is a lower temperature, and cool is also groovy; cool is sitting outdoors in the park, while you watch a movie

Aug 16

Aretha's songs will live forever. Can Trump say something appropriate? Never

Aug 17

The priesthood has a secret crime, that's been going on for a long, long time

Aug 18

The picture grabs your attention, a meme contains some might; So, you'd think that, at the very least, they'd try to spell it right

Aug 19

Time travel can get weird, and it can get complicated, but when it just turns into cops and robbers, it can be a bit over-rated

Aug 20

Are cryptocurrencies still in doubt? Venezuela will soon find out

Aug 21

When something has been suggested, it isn't right to berate it, if you won't put in the time and effort you need to investigate it

Aug 22

Manafort, guilty, Cohen, guilty, and then there's Duncan Hunter. Just how many of them are guilty of crimes, you have to begin to wonder

Aug 23

Though Donald may speak bold and brash, the market isn't going to crash

Aug 24

The ,memories' feature on Facebook is the stupidest feature I know, if I was going to comment on this post, I'd have done it two years ago

Aug 25

Did we win? Well, not completely. The DNC will still try to cheat

Aug 26

The stripes on the flag are red and white, and the field with the stars is blue. Every American knows that, except for you know who

Aug 27

Are the reforms reforms, or not? They're something, and they're what we've got

Aug 28

When Bernie Sanders talks to a crowd, the people get happy, the people get loud

Aug 29

When Trump looked at Google, he was truly surprised, to see how widely he is despised

Aug 31

Alex Jones watches porn - why, there's no doubt about it; it's not the watching, it's the lying about it

## SEPTEMBER

in which John McCain dies and everybody talks about him like he was some great patriot instead of the opportunistic war-monger he actually was, Serena Williams throws a temper tantrum because she got outplayed by an unknown, Brett Kavanaugh throws a temper tantrum and the fact that he's a crappy judge gets overshadowed by the rape charge, and an astronomical observatory in New Mexico gets shut down under very suspicious circumstances. What is it with New Mexico? Maybe it resembles their home planet.

Sep 1

We went out to see a show, sort of like a date; and so, we had a lovely time, but the show was not that great

Sep 2

John McCain is dead and gone, but the talking about him goes on and on

Sep 3

It was back to school for the kids, and me? Well, I'm back to reading poetry

Sep 4

It's on film and we've all seen it, no use saying you didn't mean it

Sep 5

The museum burned, right down to the ground; no evidence will ever be found

Sep 6

Woodward's book was damning enough, but now we've got this op-ed stuff

Sep 7

It was 52 years ago tomorrow that Star Trek first appeared, and it's also Bernie's birthday - now that is kind of weird

Sep 8

Kavanaugh lied, multiple times, that's perjury, and that's a crime

Sep 9

Now, why did she have to act like that? Serena Williams is a spoiled brat

Sep 11

I'm off the pace, but that's O.K., here is last night's blog today

Sep 11

Travel in time has complications, when you alter the future situation

Sep 12

Elon, perhaps, is a capitalist tool, but the stuff that he's doing is awesomely cool

Sep 13

When an actor has political goals, it helps if they've played sympathetic roles

Sep 14

When the Men in Black are in the situation, Aliens are the explanation

Sep 15

When history is rewritten, when ancient things are found, our perception of the world, gets all turned around

Sep 16

Something strange is going on, but the government won't let us know, down in Sunspot, in New Mexico

Sep 17

Arguments are futile, and often end in rage, but it can be amusing when the words are on the page

Sep 18

The president's penis is rather small, and it has a weird shape, Stormy Daniels recalls

Sep 19

,Tetchy' doesn't begin to say, how we feel about the world today

Sep 20

The sunspot observatory's open again, but the explanation just doesn't make sense

Sep 21

If AI should someday come, the smart folks now, will then be dumb

Sep 22

If appearance is something that counts, O'Rourke will win by a large amount

Sep 23

Of all of the futures that might come to be, the dark ones get more publicity

Sep 25

Although the rapey stuff is pretty rotten, the perjury charges have all but been forgotten

Sep 25

A lot of spoken words were spoken, a lot of things were said.  
Just another poetry night, and a lot of people read

Sep 26

It's the springtime of utopia, it's just around the bend, what  
we have now is not viable, and so it has to end

Sep 27

Kavanaugh acts like a spoiled brat, and that's mostly what I  
think about that

Sep 28

A postponement is not a guarantee, but we're still in the  
game, so we will see

Sep 29

Art is here, and art is there, and art is a little bit everywhere

Sep 30

Brave New World and 1984, were update versions, "We" had  
come before



## OCTOBER

in which Brett Kavanaugh is confirmed as a Supreme Court Justice despite being a drunk, rapist, lying fuck, a U.N. report on climate is released which basically says we've got 12 years to get our act together on the environment or the human race is doomed, but nobody pays too much attention, and Canada legalizes marijuana, with a couple of restrictions.

Oct 1

„Perjury“ is the legal term for lying. And Kavanaugh's done plenty of that, there can be no denying

Oct 2

Amazon workers get a big raise, should Jeff Bezos get some praise?

Oct 3

We're not ‚just as bad as they are,‘ that's a load of rot; we're working for a better world and they, it's clear, are not

Oct 4

The report is secret, which means it's a fake, they lie to the public, make no mistake

Oct 5

Democracy could function fine, along a slightly different line

Oct 6

The Kardashev Scale does not fulfill a need, it describes the level of civilizations, according to their greed

Oct 7

When google translate really gets going, language will change beyond our knowing

Oct 8

When android beings become aware, human beings should beware

Oct 9

Nobody knows why Haley resigned, but another one's gone, and that's just fine

Oct 10

Other humans would destroy us, let computers make the choices

Oct 11

Brian Kemp has been flat out caught. He should be gone, but he is not

Oct 12

We've got 12 years, that's all we've got, we've got 12 years, that's not a lot

Oct 13

We'll never know who killed JFK, it might have been the CIA. Were aliens involved? That has not been resolved

Oct 14

The poetry reading was small, in fact, but there were a couple of quality acts

Oct 15

You promised to pay a million bucks, now pony up, you ugly fuck

Oct 16

12 years is all we get, and if we fail, then we are shit

Oct 17

An 'instinct for science' is not a real thing; science depends on facts. But we'll have to change the government, before the government acts

Oct 18

So, pot is legal in Canada, eh. It's still not enough, but we're on our way

Oct 19

If solar energy ends big oil, it could end wars as well, and make a brand-new paradise, in places that are hell

Oct 20

Talk about politics, nobody cares, but a recipe might get thousands of shares

Oct 21

Looking back at my blog, and the thing that is strange, in the last 9 years, how little has changed

Oct 22

Trump wants to build more nuclear bombs, until the other nations get calm

Oct 23

Jobs and Health Care are important, but for all they're worth, the most important issue is the saving of the Earth

Oct 24

An uneventful day, some good things done. Tomorrow we will have another one

Oct 25

A minor spat, but enough, I guess, and my friend list now has one friend less

Oct 26

The world's diverse and beautiful, but one thing we should know: We all live here together, and there's nowhere else to go

Oct 27

A blast from the past with an all-star cast

Oct 28

India's building a new, green city, but the USA is just plain shitty

Oct 29

It's a vicious circle, a dizzying spin, the candidates with the most money win

Oct 30

They said, 'Don't come to Pittsburgh,' they told him 'Please don't come.' But Donald is an arrogant prick as well as fucking dumb

Oct 31

Accuracy and truth are far too rare, and when you screw them up, nobody cares

## NOVEMBER

Was it a Blue Wave? Most people say yes, but I write in my blog a couple of times that it wasn't, not a big one, anyway. Also, wildfires go crazy in California, Tulsi Gabbard says Donald Trump is Saudi Arabia's bitch, people start talking about a Green New Deal, and the White House Christmas trees look like something out of a dystopian TV series.

Nov 1

The universe is mostly dark, with little bits of light. People are mostly stupid, but a few of them are bright

Nov 2

A „military assessment“ isn't really necessary, when that which is being assessed isn't even vaguely military

Nov 3

A long time ago, the Earth was strange, and we wouldn't be here if it hadn't have changed

Nov 4

I hope these robocalls of race, will blow up in Brian Kemp's face

Nov 5

The only prediction I'm going to make is that there will be cheating, make no mistake

Nov 6

I didn't do this or that today, and the other thing, also not. Sometimes we all have days like that, but I have them quite a lot

Nov 7

The blue wave crashed, and turned to spray, the Democrats still haven't found their way

Nov 8

The ‚Blue Wave‘ wasn't all that strong, so it's time to analyze what went wrong

Nov 9

Fresh environmental disasters, are getting stronger and coming on faster

Nov 10

He couldn't be out in the rain, but everyone else did fine. Could it be our president has finally lost his mind?

Nov 11

Did Debbie cheat? We do not know. But, knowing her, it's likely so

Nov 12

Criticism is necessary but should be done with class. Most, however, comes from trolls, who are just a pain in the ass

Nov 13

Two ladies are shaking things up a bit, because they're not taking anyone's shit

Nov 14

A Green New Deal has great appeal, it could make the world better and that's for real

Nov 15

If we talked in real life like we talk online, fists would be flying, like, all of the time

Nov 16

What happens inside your head at night, is always a story that you can write



Nov 17

While California families grieve, Trump says they should have raked more leaves

Nov 18

We could clean the air, it would be a breeze, by planting a couple of trillion trees

Nov 19

Stage 2 in saving the world we know: oil and coal have got to go

Nov 20

Clean energy can happen, clean energy would be great. Clean energy should happen now, before it is too late

Nov 21

Though it was not her usual style, what Tulsi tweeted made me smile

Nov 22

If you think that you're a whiz, try taking some kind of non-Facebook quiz

Nov 23

A very bright good morning to my fellow internetters! The bad just keeps on getting worse, but the good is getting better

Nov 24

Appearance is not the same as fact, look twice, think twice, before you act

Nov 25

Oh, the poetry reading was fine and grand, but a lot I didn't understand

Nov 26

The White House Christmas trees are sad, but that's not what makes Melania bad

Nov 27

The Guardian was a trusted source before. I'm not so sure about that any more

Nov 28

He opens his mouth and out words come, but it's guaranteed they will be dumb

Nov 29

He can build that wall a mile high, the sky will always be the sky

30 Nov

Trains will always be better than cars, a pleasanter way to travel, by far

## DECEMBER

in which I report that the Gilets Jaunes protests in France are over but, boy, was I ever wrong about that, Beto O'Rourke flubs an easy question, Donald Trump announces he's pulling troops out of Syria and legalizing hemp and Democrats lose their minds because in order to be critical they are forced to take the more right-wing positions, but they do, and, to get a jump on 2019, Elizabeth Warren announces that she's running for president in 2020.

Dec 1

Robotics, AI, Robotics, AI, the two go together like ice cream and pie

Dec 2

Every year, another one, the War on Christmas has begun

Dec 3

Unlimited options, unlimited voices, semantics tries to limit our choices

Dec 4

As toys get more sophisticated, animals can get frustrated

Dec 5

Synchronicity? I kind of doubt it. But, still, enough for me to write about it

Dec 6

The riots in Paris are over and done, and that was fun, the protesters won

Dec 7

If we can deal with public transportation, then we can deal with the global situation

Dec 8

Octopi may be the smartest creatures in the sea, but that doesn't make them quite the same as you and me

Dec 9

A Green New Deal will do so much, and will influence all it touches

Dec 10

Yoga, meditation, pie, the key is mostly not to try

Dec 11

These people think they are divinely inspired, but Armageddon is not to be desired

Dec 12

Republicans don't get to choose the algorithms Google uses

Dec 13

Perhaps I read it wrong, perhaps I'm dense. But what she said, to me, did not make sense

Dec 14

We can do anything we want, we can transcend the will of God, which, since he's our own creation, shouldn't seem so very odd

Dec 15

Oh, Beto, Oh, Beto, Oh, what can I say? You blew it so badly, that was not O.K.

Dec 16

If the world isn't working the way that we wish, we should take all the money away from the rich

Dec 17

Money can't solve all our problems, but it can solve quite a few. So, if we want to change the world, here's what we should do

Dec 18

The future could be wonderful, clean and green and sunny,  
and nobody at all, in fact, has to lose their money

Dec 19

Trump may be in all ways inferior, but he's right to get out of  
Syria

Dec 20

The news is full of politics and crime, but scientists discover  
new stuff all the time

Dec 21

Solstice is coming, the longest night, but soon enough, it will  
be bright

Dec 22

This is good thing #2, legalized hemp is long overdue

Dec 23

Here's a suggestion that's not so bad, because it would make  
Cheeto-head super mad

Dec 25

'A Wrinkle in Time' is still a good book, I hope that my  
daughter will take a look

Dec 25

Christmas is over, Christmas is done, reality has re-begun

Dec 26

The medium is the message, and when the mediums of the  
past, mix with the mediums of the present, then the message  
is going to last

Dec 28

„Purity tests“ for politicians are a good thing, for sure. Why would you want your public servants, ever, to be impure?

Dec 28

There are many ways to communicate. All are good, and some are great

Dec 29

Aquaman was passably good, it did what a superhero movie should

Dec 30

When you say that I meant something that is other than what I said, because that's what you thought I meant, then argument is dead

Dec 31

DNC centrists, please take note, Elizabeth Warren won't get my vote