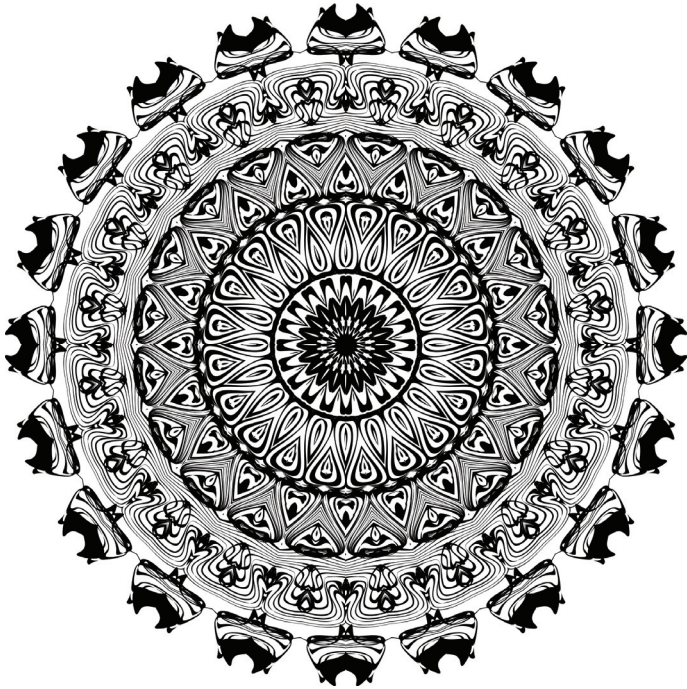


RHEETS 2020

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Introduction

I have been writing a blog for a bit over ten years now, but I've been writing one rhyming tweet a day, just to cross reference and link to my blog, since 2011. Since it's so easy to publish a book online, I've been compiling them into books and publishing them, but I don't think anybody has ever bought one, nor do I recommend that they do. If you want good poetry, you can find it in my other books: Poems from Prague, The Guru Kalehuru and Other Poems, the Alchemist's Notebook, Four Syllables on Water, The This of the That, 155 Sonnets, Pink Snow, The Meaning of Life in Easy English, Uncle Willie's Very Silly Animal Poems, Paradox, Geology, Wild Pigs of Fukushima, the Search for Enlightenment and Stuff, Cup of Tea, Every Day's a Butterfly, and A Country's Just a Place.

The Rheet Books (a portmanteau word for Rhyming Tweets. I called the first one Twoems, and then thought that maybe it didn't get noticed at all because of the dumb name. But Rheet has'n't done any better) are mostly an indulgence on my part. They are a writing exercise and, as such, have been very helpful.

However, I'd like to point out that I usually haven't felt the need for a sub-title, the need to give the year a name, and not just a number. But, between the second screwing of Bernie Sanders, that whole horrible election where Americans had to choose between one senile, heartless, racist, corrupt sexual predator and another, and a plague that imprisoned the whole world in their homes, 2020 truly was the year that sucked.

Also, for what it's worth, these poems serve as a sort of political record (and the blogs do even more, and can be found online, permanently) Just now, before sitting down to write this introduction, I looked at the very first one, the very first rheet I wrote, the very first twoem I tweeted, to verify that it was 2011 (September, in fact) and it was:

Wall St. bigshots drink champagne
and view the workers with disdain
and reading that takes me straight back to the days of Occupy
Wall St. and one particular photograph that truly made me
furious

The issues haven't changed much since then and, unfortunately,
neither has the sophistication of my poems. These are also
posted on-line so you can read them without buying them
and, at that price, you can't really go wrong.

If you are reading this now, you are reading this now, and I
thank you.

Willie Watson

JANUARY, in which

Americans assassinate an Iranian general and somebody shoots down a Ukrainian airliner just after take-off from Tehran, Joe Rogan endorses Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden grabs a reporter by the shoulders, shouts "Why, why, why, why, why, why????!!!" right into his face and the mainstream media fails to report this as a clear sign of somebody who's slipped off the rails, Elizabeth Warren accuses Bernie Sanders of sexism and then refuses to shake his hand at the debate, and Harry and Meghan decide they don't really like being Royals all that much and announce they are taking a break from it

Jan 2, 2020

Changes are coming in 2020,
oh, by golly, there will be plenty

Jan 3, 2020

A couple TV shows in review
my blog for January 2

Jan 4, 2020

Killing Soleimani was very, very superfluous
gratuitous, and unnecessary

Jan 5, 2020

A writer writes their world, their dreams
so sometimes there are common themes.

Jan 6, 2020

The words were said in anger
by someone who was grievin'
but Iran could pay that easily
and then we would be even

Jan 7, 2020

Dem politicians are very divided
but I think the voters might be more united

Jan 8, 2020

I dreamed that I was tripping on a bit of LSD
combining different versions of irreality

Jan 9, 2020

This old world's gonna keep on humming,
I don't think WWII is coming

Jan 10, 2020

Before we jump to conclusions and cause attacks
let's wait until we've examined all the facts

Jan 11, 2020

The DCCC just got some bad news
nobody really owes them 'dues'

Jan 11, 2020

Good Queen Elizabeth's madder than poop
cause Harry and Meghan have flown the coop

Jan 13, 2020

If your statement is based on facts
then it's not an unjustified attack

Jan 14, 2020

Warren is starting to throw out slanders
against the front runner, Bernie Sanders

Jan 15, 2020

Last night was Elizabeth Warren's last stand
and she refused to shake Bernie's hand

Jan 17, 2020

Some say we should put it behind us
but that will not happen because
this issue will not go away
till Elizabeth Warren does

Jan 18, 2020

Free speech always comes at a price
heckling isn't very nice

Jan 19, 2020

Bernie's campaign aired some videos
and that made Biden mad
because Biden in Biden videos
makes Joe Biden look bad

Jan 20, 2020

The New York Times endorsement
carries little weight,
they'll both be out of the race real soon
I anticipate

Jan 21, 2020

Hillary Clinton's not feeling the Bern
Back off, lady, you had your turn

Jan 22, 2020

Meghan McCain is not super bright
can't even pronounce her profession right

Jan 24, 2020

Why why why why why why
Joe Biden loudly screamed
Could it be he has gone nuts?
'cause that's the way it seemed ...

Jan 25, 2020

#ILikeBernie what's not to like?
It's a great slogan, and it worked for Ike

Jan 26, 2020

The themes are as old as the shows are new
here are a couple of Netflix Reviews

Jan 27, 2020

We should be more inclusive, we should
Rogan's endorsement is nothing but good

Jan 28, 2020

If you judge a candidate by their fans
Bernie Sanders is still the man

Jan 29, 2020

They've lost the debate on logic and facts
now for some truly bizarre attacks

Jan 30, 2020

He doesn't have a case to make,
it's very plain to see
When Biden says vote for someone else
please take it literally

Jan 31, 2020

A boondoggle and a gimmick
the plan was never sound
before it's even finished
the wall comes crashing down

FEBRUARY, in which

Despite massive media collusion, a withheld poll, skullduggery, and shadow appery in Iowa and non-disclosure agreements in Nevada, Bernie takes both plus New Hampshire and appears to be riding an unstoppable wave

Feb 1, 2020

Impeachment has failed
at least this time around,
how can the Democrats
ever rebound?

Feb 2, 2020

The Super Bowl, and Groundhog Day
and a little number play

Feb 3, 2020

So much to do, and the very worst
is arguing over what to do first

Feb 4, 2020

Let the precinct caucuses begin.
I've got a pretty good feeling,
that Bernie's going to win

Feb 4, 2020

Peter, Peter, dirty cheater
bought an app and thought he'd won
but Bernie Sanders shot him down
this year's election has begun

Feb 6, 2020

The Iowa caucuses won't be done
till all has been revealed
Questions asked, should be answered
that should be the deal

Feb 7, 2020

The next stop is New Hampshire
and we should all beware
the Democrats will find a way
to do some cheating there

Feb 8, 2020

The audience did not applaud
Pete just added that bit in
Is that not a kind of fraud?
Really, don't let this guy win

Feb 9, 2020

Somedays I rant, and I scream, and I shout.
Some days I don't know what to blog about

Feb 10, 2020

They felt so terrible, after they had a
scandal, but they'll cheat again in Nevada

Feb 10, 2020

Missed a train, raining like hell
but in the end all turned out well

Feb 12, 2020

The press just says dumber and dumber shit
and people are getting sick of it

Feb 13, 2020

As other candidates drop out,
we want their supporters, there's no doubt

Feb 14, 2020

The poetry reading was so well attended
I had to leave before it ended

Feb 15, 2020

In a party that clearly has two wings
De Blasio's endorsement is a very good thing

Feb 16, 2020

Is it an issue that Pete is gay?
Republicans will sure treat it that way

Feb 16, 2020

Binge watching
it goes by fast
but if it was good
then something will last

Feb 18, 2020

We hit them with facts and they can't stop bitchin'
if you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen

Feb 19, 2020

If Bloomberg's the one
the Democrats choose
then even if they win
we lose

Feb 20, 2020

O.K., Warren did great in last night's debate.
But it's understood, Bernie always does good

Feb 21, 2020

Bloomberg was beaten, there is no doubt
but Amy Klobuchar also flamed out

Feb 22, 2020

They'll do everything they can to block us
NDA's at Nevada Caucus

Feb 23, 2020

Whichever way they slice the pie,
they're still going to lose and they're still going to cry

Feb 24, 2020

I wouldn't swear that he's clinically nuts,
but Chris Matthews sure is an awful putz

Feb 25, 2020

It's hard to predict the end of the show,
but I see three ways this could go

Feb 27, 2020

If that's all Anderson Cooper's got
then Anderson Cooper is a clueless twat

Feb 28, 2020

At the poetry reading, I wore a mask
which did a lot to ease the task

Feb 28, 2020

A walk through Prague and what a surprise
there is art, right in front of your eyes!

MARCH, in which

I put the final touches on my latest book of Poetry, "Every Day's a Butterfly," Biden wins South Carolina, and all of the candidates other than Bernie drop out and line up behind them, as if they were pulled by an invisible string which was, of course, the case, and Super Tuesday goes disastrously

Mar 1, 2020

Not being mean, it's not unfair
to say Joe Biden's not all there

Mar 2, 2020

The sooner that Bernie Sanders wins
the sooner the real campaign can begin

Mar 2, 2020

Pete and Amy and Tom are gone
but Bernie Sanders keeps rolling on

Mar 4, 2020

If it's down to Bernie and Biden
there ain't no corner for Joe to hide in

Mar 5, 2020

This campaign is far from done
the arguments have just begun

Mar 6, 2020

I'm not as diplomatic as I should be
Warren's out and all I can say is "good"

Mar 7, 2020

The corona virus is an awful curse
but the reaction to it might be even worse

Mar 8, 2020

If his supporters can't make his case
maybe he shouldn't be in the race

Mar 9, 2020

Both old and both crooked
it's truly a shame
but Trump and Biden
are mostly the same

Mar 10, 2020

Our global economy
still has some flaws
when the stock market crashes
what is the cause?

Mar 11, 2020

This is not over
just you wait
and keep your eyes
on the next debate

Mar 12, 2020

You followers of Biden
I cannot understand which
argument you have
except to vote for a shit sandwich

Mar 13, 2020

The great debate
I anticipate
the contrast will be
hard to negate

Mar 14, 2020

Day by day,
we keep on copin'
one door closes
another one opens

Mar 15, 2020

The news is dire
bleak and dark
but it's still a nice day
for a walk in the park

Mar 16, 2020

The big debate is coming,
it's happening tonight
and I hope the people see
a sharper contrast in that light

Mar 17, 2020

If androids develop self-awareness
they may soon decide
in the interest of fairness
all humans have to die

Mar 18, 2020

The quarantine was a surprise
this is something new
the question now, with all this time
is what are we to do?

Mar 19, 2020

Bernie's a good man, and Biden is bad
vbnmw makes me real mad

Mar 20, 2020

An unexpected consequence
of the quarantine
Less carbon in the atmosphere
and the world will be more green

Mar 21, 2020

His vetting is done and it didn't go well,
Biden's a hollow, rotting shell

Mar 22, 2020

With this quarantine,
I smell a rat
if they can do this
then they can do that

Mar 23, 2020

Joe Biden is missing he hasn't been seen
but what in the world could that possibly mean

Mar 24, 2020

Birds will fight with other birds,
that's just what birds do
we think they're not intelligent
but humans do that, too

Mar 25, 2020

Bernie won Utah despite all the spin
this isn't over, we're going to win

Mar 26, 2020

"Shelter in place" isn't fair
not a bit
for some it's not bad
and for others it's shit

Mar 27, 2020

Women who don't like creepy old guys
should not support Biden and his tired, old lies

Mar 28, 2020

Biden is horrible, truly he's bad,
but pointing that out makes some people mad

Mar 29, 2020

All of the other candidates are out
Bernie is the winner, there's no doubt

Mar 31, 2020

Bernie is the proper pick,
but there is no end to their dirty tricks

Mar 31, 2020

Most typos are harmless, and some are fun
but this was the worst one I've ever done

APRIL, in which

My Aunt Bernice dies of the Corona Virus, at the age of 106, there are rumors that NASA was about to make a big announcement and rumors of Kim Jong Un's death but, in the fashion of rumors, nothing comes of them, Trump suggests that bleach might be a cure for the virus, and Bernie Sanders suspends his campaign, quenching all hope for a better future for at least another four years

Apr 2, 2020

What's happening now is only the start,
is going to church now really that smart?

Apr 2, 2020

Just had a poetry reading online
a bit awkward at first but it turned out just fine

Apr 4, 2020

It's hard to debate in these conditions
Biden doesn't have any positions

Apr 5, 2020

On Netflix now, I'm watching 'The Crown.'
Two thumbs up, and one thumb down

Apr 6, 2020

When things don't change from day to day
there isn't all that much to say
but here's my daily blog today
anyway

Apr 7, 2020

Though it may seem extreme, and quite unfair
you can't have capitalism and clean air

Apr 7, 2020

The Wisconsin primary's such crazy shit
it's hard to see how it could be legit

Apr 8, 2020

The bad guy won, the good guy lost.
What will be the final cost

Apr 10, 2020

Both Biden and Trump are all bullshit and lies
you knew my opinion, don't sound so surprised

Apr 11, 2020

When either choice you make you lose
the best thing is to not to choose

Apr 12, 2020

A three toed skink in the land of Oz
has given proof of Darwin's laws

Apr 13, 2020

If you are Christian, have a nice day
do not read this blog and we'll both be O.K.

Apr 14, 2020

How many triangles do I see?
What does that really say about me?

Apr 15, 2020

I don't want to throw my vote away
so I'm voting Green, because that's the way

Apr 17, 2020

With Bernie Sander seemingly out,
there's nothing left worth talking about

Apr 18, 2020

It's not a great show not much of a plot
and the action is slow but the last one was not

Apr 18, 2020

It was good to know you
and we're sorry that you're gone,
but happy for the memories,
as we carry on

Apr 19, 2020

Their protests are loud
and their protests are long,
and if they all survive
then they'll prove us all wrong

Apr 21, 2020

We can't go back to normal, but even if we could,
I don't think that we ought to, because normal's not that
good

Apr 22, 2020

If the pleasures of Netflix are going to last
they need new material very fast

Apr 22, 2020

You shouldn't wish for people's death, that's true.
But in this instance, nonetheless, I do

Apr 24, 2020

I enjoyed the TV show
as history and such
but, did I like the family
truly, not that much

Apr 25, 2020

They say there's no such thing as a stupid question
but Donald Trump's disproven that suggestion

Apr 26, 2020

The news out of North Korea is slow.
Is Kim Jong Un dead? We do not know

Apr 27, 2020

A garden blooming in the spring
makes up for so many things

Apr 28, 2020

I haven't seen the ending yet
Nonetheless, I recommend it

Apr 28, 2020

This is the DNC philosophy
let's go ahead and cancel democracy

Apr 29, 2020

If aliens landed, we might not know
our government's sure wouldn't tell us so

Apr 30, 2020

Ventura v. Hawkins, that would be fun,
show 'em all how a debate is done

MAY, in which

A Minneapolis Police officer murders a black man named George Floyd, with multiple witnesses and cameras present, music legend Little Richard dies at the age of 87, the quarantine continues and I watch a whole hell of a lot of movies

May 1, 2020

It may, in the long run, rot our brains
but television entertains

May 2, 2020

Bernie or Bust, we have four choices,
in how to express our unheard voices

May 4, 2020

Some people get away with stuff
others not so much
creepy old Joe Biden
doesn't really have the touch

May 5, 2020

In politics there's nothing new,
so here are a couple of film reviews

May 6, 2020

That we have a problem
is clearly undeniable
but throwing doctors out of windows
is not justifiable

May 7, 2020

It took a lawsuit to make the case
but the New York primary will take place

May 7, 2020

Sometimes it's over the top sensational
but sci-fi can be educational

May 9, 2020

It isn't great humor, it isn't great wit,
just to use vulgar language and shit

May 9, 2020

Rock and Roll heaven better make a little room,
a wop bopalubop a lo bam boom

May 11, 2020

The thoughts in our minds
that invade our sleep
are dreams
but they aren't always deep

May 11, 2020

We don't get all the credit,
and don't deserve the blame
the chemicals in our bodies mean
that we're not all the same

May 12, 2020

It's new and it's impressive
but if it doesn't fit
the city that it's built in
it might just look like shit

May 14, 2020

It's not a hoax, no doubt about it
but will we learn from this? I doubt it

May 14, 2020

Violence, drugs, corruption, money
the show is dark, but sometimes it's funny

May 16, 2020

Very few of our words will live on
but ask something stupid, more people respond

May 17, 2020

Political debate
is as entangled as spaghetti
we could make more progress
if we weren't so fucking petty

May 17, 2020

If we got what we deserve
we would not exist
But if you ask 'what do we want?'
that is a different twist

May 20, 2020

Poor Stacey Abrams
Joe Biden had no intent
ever to select her
as vice president

May 21, 2020

The press is lying constantly
so how can we trust history

May 23, 2020

Joe Biden must be smokin' crack
telling a black man he ain't black

May 24, 2020

Getting some quarantine reading done.
Reading 3 books, and just finished one.

May 25, 2020

The two party system is over
the two party system is shit
that's why we need a new party
and it looks like the Greens are it

May 26, 2020

Not too troubled, not too worried.
Back to normal? Not in a hurry

May 27, 2020

They do it because they know they can
the cops have murdered another man

May 28, 2020

Our poetry reading tonight took place
in a magically beautiful space

May 29, 2020

People are rioting again but getting a different reaction
Public support is behind them in demanding satisfaction

May 30, 2020

Derek Chauvin, MPD
has been charged with 3rd degree
He might think he's got it rough
but IMO that's not enough

May 31, 2020

Another two astronauts out in Space
Elon Musk is winning this race

JUNE, in which

The DNC screws the progressive candidate, Charles Booker, in the Kentucky Senatorial primary by making it almost impossible for black people to vote, thus handing the nomination to a horrible woman whose platform is that she loves Trump even more than Mitch McConnell does, the transgender community goes to war against J.K. Rowling, and a couple in St. Louis stand in front of their house with guns as a totally peaceful BLM march files by on the sidewalk, garnering well deserved internet ridicule

Jun 2, 2020

Most of us are lacking in both logic and in wit.

So, if you have free speech, you're going to hear a lot of shit

Jun 3, 2020

Science fiction shows us

the future as it could be

then, it's up to us to choose

what the future should be

Jun 4, 2020

Bernie Sanders gave us hope,

without that feeling it's hard to cope

Jun 5, 2020

We could have a better world

our problems could be solved

This will not be easy

as it means we must evolve

Jun 6, 2020

America is a melting pot

the bad thrown in with the good

and in this light, our history

is better understood

Jun 7, 2020

The NFL has apologized

like honorable men

but here's a way that the problem

might never happen again

Jun 8, 2020

Will there be madness in the street's
mayhem and anarchy
on the day that all the police are gone?
I guess we're going to see

Jun 9, 2020

She may have thought the photo-op was cunning.
Nancy Pelosi's ignorance is stunning

Jun 10, 2020

Kamala Harris is full of shit,
a conviction shouldn't be hard to get

Jun 11, 2020

Breaking Bad is great, I know
but Better Call Saul is the better show

Jun 12, 2020

Trans people are raising a stink
but J.K. Rowling can say what she thinks

Jun 13, 2020

A statue may be a thing we love
but that depends on who it's of

Jun 13, 2020

Whether you're good at what you do,
has no connection to your point of view

Jun 14, 2020

A long, long walk on a foggy day
I'm tired and sore, but feel O.K.

Jun 16, 2020

Though their public approval ratings have dropped
sad to say, the police haven't stopped

Jun 16, 2020

I think that some day
it will come to light
that Borra and Trottier
in fact, were right

Jun 18, 2020

Community standards are hard to explain
to a literal computer brain.

Jun 18, 2020

Evil John Bolton has written a book
I sure wouldn't buy, but I would take a look

Jun 20, 2020

Without police, will crime go up or down?
We're about to see in a couple of different towns

Jun 21, 2020

She cried when her egg McMuffin was late
that was some funny stuff.
But maybe the internet shaming
in this case was enough

Jun 21, 2020

Medium was worth giving a try,
but they wanted money, so I said bye bye

Jun 22, 2020

Trump's Tulsa rally was kind of rocky
but Democrats should not get too cocky

Jun 23, 2020

Trump is a horrible, miserable failure
but Biden wants war with Venezuela

Jun 24, 2020

AOC won, that's good, that's true
but how did the other progressives do?

Jun 25, 2020

I'm not sure what lesson is there to be learned,
but a house in Milwaukee just got burned

Jun 28, 2020

Every day brings more bad news
But here's a better way to choose

Jun 29, 2020

Impeach him for treason, hang him high!
Unless, of course, the whole stories a lie

Jun 30, 2020

It had a few laughs, and some surprises
but this film won't be winning a lot of prizes

JULY, in which

We take a family vacation to Slovakia, filled with great sights, an archaeological mountain hike which changed my perception of ancient Europe, and delicious food

Jul 1, 2020

The poll stations closing was worse than just odd
the Kentucky election was one, big fraud

Jul 2, 2020

Mr. and Mrs. McCloskey
say they don't like the publicity
but they're seeking more of it
and that is quite a mystery

Jul 3, 2020

Saying 'shut up and vote'
is a place to begin
if the Democrats want to lose
and not win

Jul 4, 2020

America's in a fucked up state
but it's the fourth, so celebrate.

Jul 4, 2020

A bit of hard work
on a hot, summer day
I'm tired and I'm sore
but I feel O.K.

Jul 6, 2020

Kanye West says he's running, that's the scoop
but Kanye's always talking a bunch of poop

Jul 7, 2020

When the show was exposed
to the eyes of the poor
it wasn't so popular,
any more

Jul 8, 2020

There would be no need for conflict
for armies and for war
If people loved their countries less
and other people more

Jul 9, 2020

The Trans community is howling,
but lots of others support J. Rowling

Jul 10, 2020

What's in a name, what's in a word?
When analyzing what has occurred

Jul 11, 2020

Fellow Berners, here's a guide
on something we must all decide

Jul 11, 2020

Water and fire, water and fire
moving with the flow
both of them always go
where it is easiest to go

Jul 13, 2020

The values of the present
are used to judge the past
and the future's going to hate us,
unless we are the last

Jul 14, 2020

If you want to be successful
one method tried and true
watch what others do that works
and then you do that, too

Jul 15, 2020

Why is it hard to remember our dreams?
short term memory loss, it seems

Jul 16, 2020

Corrupt as fuck, but not surprising,
using the White House for advertising

Jul 17, 2020

We talk about the ugly shit
and this leads to despair
because there's so much ugly shit
and it is everywhere

Jul 18, 2020

We don't know all the facts just yet
but we know enough to say
that what's happening in Portland
is really not O.K.

Jul 19, 2020

A slogan should have pizzazz and wit
Build Back Better is lame as shit

Jul 20, 2020

Folks will notice if you add
something good or something bad
but when it's removed one day
it won't be noticed right away

Jul 21, 2020

We have arrived in Slovakia
vacation has begun
I'm looking forward to a week
of relaxation and fun

Jul 22, 2020

The lake appears between the trees
so blue it's almost gray
a portal to another world
on a summer day

Jul 22, 2020

For what's happening in Portland
Donald Trump's to blame
but Obama made it possible
he, too, should be ashamed

Jul 23, 2020

As a customer, usually,
I'm not too bad
but our waitress this morning
made me mad

Jul 24, 2020

It's very relaxing
to not hear the sound
of all the people
all around

Jul 25, 2020

some hiking, some food some incredible sights
tomorrow we drive but for now, good night

Jul 26, 2020

I do love to wander,
I do love to roam
but now I am happy
to be back home

Jul 28, 2020

Sometimes the genre isn't clear
and that's jarring to the brain
comedy or drama
but pick a fucking lane

Jul 29, 2020

There's no M4A
and there's no legal pot
There's no reason to vote for Joe Biden
There's not

Jul 30, 2020

If there are no extraterrestials and we're the only ones
then they'll be no more intelligence after we are done

Jul 31, 2020

I think I'm good, I hope I'm great
but I'm not that hard to imitate

AUGUST, in which

Police in Kenosha, Wisconsin kill another black man while the cameras roll, Elon Musk puts a chip in a pig's brain for some damn reason, and a teenage gun nut named Kyle Rittenhouse murders two people at a BLM protest and the police just let him walk away, and Kamala Harris, the former crooked Attorney General from California, is announced as Biden's VP pick

Aug 1, 2020

No matter what Donald Trump may say
TikTok is going to be O.K.

Aug 1, 2020

Big, white moon hanging in a blue sky
as the sun goes down in Český Ráj

Aug 3, 2020

The more they smirk, the more they gloat
the less chance that they'll get our vote

Aug 4, 2020

Facebook games are lame
but here's the curse:
if they were better
it would be far worse

Aug 5, 2020

The more you see, the more you know
but there's no good reason to vote for Joe

Aug 6, 2020

Yesterday was a bit of a binge
Seth Rogen is funny but makes me cringe

Aug 7, 2020

Biden and Trump are similar
there really is no doubt
every time either one opens their mouth
stupid words come out

Aug 8, 2020

I suspect that the chances
that Russia or China
are interfering
are really quite minor

Aug 9, 2020

Russia is backing the Greens now?
That argument is lame
They just suspect they're going to lose
and need someone to take the blame

Aug 10, 2020

Some comedies are not O.K.
when you think about what they really say

Aug 12, 2020

Kamala Harris is the pick
pardon me while I go get sick

Aug 14, 2020

Now and then
wherever you go
you learn about things
that you didn't know

Aug 15, 2020

Star Trek (the series) is from our past
but portrays a future that's coming up fast

Aug 16, 2020

It's hard to know what jokes will fly
but, Bob Rubin's a stand-up guy

Aug 17, 2020
Millennials and Gens X, Y, Z
All of you look the same to me

Aug 18, 2020
Glaciers melting, forest's burning
it's not hard to tell
Global Warming's not a joke
it is hot as hell

Aug 20, 2020
As a writer,
I'm somewhat under-rated
but buy one book
and I'm validated

Aug 20, 2020
So, you think I'm cynical, that's tough
I think that you're not cynical enough

Aug 21, 2020
The bike ride was refreshing
the zoo was lots of fun
an evening of poetry
and then the day was done ...

Aug 22, 2020
Hurricane season is coming
wildfire season, too
we haven't learned our lesson
and there's nothing we can do

Aug 23, 2020

It seems like it's not worth fighting about
but it's just the beginning I have no doubt

Aug 24, 2020

In every time in every land
an artist works with what's at hand

Aug 24, 2020

Killer cops have struck again
nothing has changed since the last time when

Aug 26, 2020

The change was totally unnecessary
but do I like it? Eh, not very.

Aug 27, 2020

Oh, Kyle, poor Kyle
you're young and yet, you failed
I hope you spend the rest
of your miserable, racist life in jail

Aug 28, 2020

It doesn't matter what state he's from
his age, or the size of his gun
Rittenhouse killed two people
and so he should be done

Aug 29, 2020

So, I got banned
it's happened before
Truth is, I'm surprised
it does not happen more

Aug 30, 2020

When the brain becomes a machine
we'll turn into something that's never been seen

Aug 31, 2020

One dead in Portland and that's still wrong
without regard to which side he was on

SEPTEMBER, in which

The police who murdered Breonna Taylor are acquitted, Trump supporters hold a boat parade in Texas which was funny because a lot of the boats sank, huge forest fires spread across the American West, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg dies, and Joe Biden makes a ridiculously weak promise of carbon neutrality – by 2050

Sep 2, 2020

Trump supporters are stupid
as stupid as they come
They're so dumb that they don't know
why we think they're dumb

Sep 3, 2020

Markey won so Nancy's blue
and then she had a bad hair day, too

Sep 4, 2020

So many cases
it's hard to keep track
of police killing people
just 'cause they're black

Sep 5, 2020

Most of the time in quarantine
I spent staring at a screen

Sep 6, 2020

Before you laugh at those who sank
take note
There were many more
that stayed afloat

Sep 7, 2020

Democracy's a lovely thought
the people rule, all right
There's just one little problem
the people aren't that bright

Sep 8, 2020

"You must accept reality; this is what you've got!"

The Biden voters scream and shout, but I say "We do not"

Sep 9, 2020

Use the numbers,
and not the percent
if spreading fear
is your intent

Sep 9, 2020

People just love talking shit
and whistling in the dark
but all it takes to start a fire
is just one careless spark

Sep 11, 2020

The sky is dark the fires burn
When, oh when will we ever learn?

Sep 11, 2020

No real shame, but no real glory
the journalist is not the story

Sep 12, 2020

Some books are good as books alone
and a film cannot convey the tone

Sep 13, 2020

The interview was horrible
he's elderly and sad
with or without a teleprompter
it was pretty bad

Sep 14, 2020

We lost in 2020

of that, there is no doubt

But truth is always truth, and so

we're down, but we're not out

Sep 15, 2020

Signs of life have been detected

in the last place we expected

Sep 15, 2020

Fires in the West and floods in the East

Planet Earth is an angry beast

Sep 17, 2020

When a politician tries to be cool

they often look like a bit of a fool

Sep 18, 2020

If you make predictions

and you include a date

It's easy to be proven wrong

Once, at any rate

Sep 20, 2020

Whoever replaces Justice Ruth

will be a scumbag, that's the truth

Sep 22, 2020

Imagination only goes so far

it cannot change the way things really are

Sep 23, 2020

The new Facebook layout is kind of a mess
It's more confusing instead of less

Sep 24, 2020

There is no low so low
that they won't go

Sep 24, 2020

Joe Biden is a weak, old man
a creep, a fool, a clown
Joe Biden is the kind of man
to kick a man who's down

Sep 26, 2020

Our civilization has its flaws
and they won't be fixed by passing laws

Sep 27, 2020

Just repeating the common themes
sometimes works O.K., it seems

Sep 28, 2020

Carbon neutrality
would be great
but 2050
is way too late

Sep 28, 2020

Dreams tend to be a bit disjointed
and we're seldom sure what the point is

Sep 29, 2020

Sometimes change is good, it fits
but this just looks like a piece of shit

Sep 30, 2020

I voted today.

I voted Green.

It's over and done.

My conscience is clean

OCTOBER, in which

Borat finds somebody stupid enough he can still punk as Rudy Giuliani is 'caught' in a hotel room with a '15 year old girl' who turns out to have been a legally adult actress playing a 15 year old girl, there is a debate and the big winner is the two minute and mute rule, and Trump is hospitalized with Covid but it was probably all just a publicity stunt

Oct 2, 2020

I'm not wishing him dead, as such
but I wouldn't mourn too much

Oct 4, 2020

If these are the best two choices we've got
the system is well and truly shot

Oct 5, 2020

I often fail to understand
how things work in Facebook land

Oct 7, 2020

The reason for the tightness of the race
is the Democrats have failed to make a case

Oct 8, 2020

Mike Pence got ambushed by a fly
it couldn't have happened to a better guy

Oct 9, 2020

Conspiracy is a bogus crime
but these fucking morons should do some time

Oct 11, 2020

When tripping on mushrooms
you feel kind of odd
so, it's not surprising
to think you've seen God

Oct 12, 2020

As a viewing platform, it's badly botched
Amazon Prime is hard to watch

Oct 13, 2020

When people talk,
when two minds meet
the link is never
quite complete

Oct 15, 2020

I've got some worries,
I've got some doubts
but tomorrow I'll see
how things work out

Oct 16, 2020

We go searching, deep inside our mind
but, maybe, there is nothing there to find

Oct 17, 2020

Zoom is cool,
it has its place
but it's not the same
as face to face

Oct 18, 2020

The algorithms are confusing
How many people are really using?

Oct 19, 2020

Nothing enrages some Christians more
than a statue of a dinosaur

Oct 20, 2020

New rule:

if you're on a Zoom
and need a wank,
please leave the room

Oct 21, 2020

Two minutes should be enough, O.K.
to say the things you need to say

Oct 23, 2020

Jeffrey Toobin screwed up in a Zoom
and Giuliani in his hotel room

Oct 23, 2020

The great debate is over and done
I think the two minute rule has won
.

Oct 25, 2020

First, the hero suffers,
that's how the tale begins
but in great tales of conflict,
the hero always wins

Oct 26, 2020

Water on the moon's been found
but it's still buried underground

Oct 28, 2020

You may vote, and it's fine that you do
but, not voting's an option, too

Oct 29, 2020

Hunter Biden's a crook who does coke
but this year, that's no more than a joke

Oct 31, 2020

Four millenia ago
the world was quiet,
life was slow

NOVEMBER, in which

Biden wins the election and a monolith, just like
the one in 2001, *A Space Odyssey*, appears in
southern Utah

Nov 1, 2020

Assaulting someone with your car
is taking things a bit too far

Nov 2, 2020

Stopping the bus was bad, of course
but here's the political curse
canceling the event
was probably worse

Nov 3, 2020

It's almost over, it's almost done
tomorrow we might know who has won

Nov 4, 2020

It isn't over as of yet
but things will stay the same, I'll bet

Nov 4, 2020

It's not official, it isn't done
but it looks as if Joe Biden's won

Nov 6, 2020

The American system is shot to hell
and I don't think the news truly covers it well

Nov 8, 2020

Congratulations on the win
our opposition will soon begin

Nov 9, 2020

If Zuckerberg were not so sleazy
Facebook management could be easy

Nov 10, 2020

No matter how mundane the conversation
some people will treat it as a confrontation

Nov 10, 2020

So many actors,
so many names
but to just be forgotten
is kind of a shame

Nov 12, 2020

I wrote some poems today
because I could
but I'm not saying they were any good

Nov 13, 2020

If Biden does anything on this list
I will be a bit less pissed

Nov 14, 2020

Visions of the future can't be trusted
As we draw ever nearer, they are busted

Nov 15, 2020

Blood, and gore, and plenty of sex
Oh, what will they think of next

Nov 16, 2020

Too much etiquette has its price
it's more important to just be nice

Nov 18, 2020

These are the kind
of things I write about
when I have doubts about
what I should write about

Nov 19, 2020

We have to save the planet
at least we ought to try
if capitalism can't reform
then capitalism must die

Nov 20, 2020

Some say "Good!" and some say "Bad!"
then everybody gets real mad

Nov 22, 2020

The internet isn't smart enough
because average people like average stuff

Nov 22, 2020

Movies seldom are much greater
just for watching them 20 years later

Nov 23, 2020

English is changing,
new words are arising
Most are bogus,
but some are surprising

Nov 25, 2020

Old time phones were super lame
they weren't equipped with a single game

Nov 26, 2020

It's nothing special, as art works go
but how did it get there, we'd like to know

Nov 27, 2020

Religious people
have got an exemption
if they die,
they'll gain redemption

Nov 28, 2020

The further back in time we go
the more we guess, the less we know

Nov 29, 2020

A poem that can be understood
IMO, is pretty good

Nov 30, 2020

Whatever happened in the past
the winner's the one who makes it last

DECEMBER, in which

Pepa Pig comes under fire for sexism, but that might just have been among my Facebook friends, Jimmy Dore instigates an internet war with Alexandria Ocasio Cortez, Nina Turner declares her candidacy for a congressional seat, and the first vaccines for Covid are announced

Dec 1, 2020

When something works, and it works great
Why do we not replicate?

Dec 3, 2020

Though Royals bitch,
I do not care
to me, it seems
the show is fair

Dec 4, 2020

If the People's Party wants to succeed
these are the candidates they will need

Dec 5, 2020

If the enemy of your enemy is your friend
the conflict will expand, and never end

Dec 6, 2020

If you voted 'blue no matter who'
don't act surprised when you get screwed

Dec 7, 2020

Scrolling fast,
it's not so strange
that letters blur
and words can change

Dec 9, 2020

Do ETs have an undersea base?
There's evidence that that's the case

Dec 9, 2020

Most likely they're not any relation
but William Shakespeare got a vaccination

Dec 10, 2020

Way too late,
but coming soon
they're putting a woman
on the moon

Dec 11, 2020

These games are harmless
but here's the thing:
they don't really mean
a goddamned thing

Dec 12, 2020

Nuclear fusion is now a thing
what a wonderful future it could bring

Dec 13, 2020

All life on Earth is now outweighed
by the things mankind has made

Dec 15, 2020

Jimmy Dore may be in the right
but I'm still sorry he picked this fight

Dec 16, 2020

Fictional aliens on T.V.
are really all about you and me

Dec 17, 2020

Nina Turner's going to run
this should be a lot of fun

Dec 18, 2020

Genetic engineering
will change the human race
but I doubt that we can stop it –
it's going to take place

Dec 19, 2020

It's a lot of fun to sing
the words can be 'most anything

Dec 20, 2020

It seems to me it's rather sad
when a kid's cartoon can make you mad

Dec 21, 2020

The centrist position is always to punt
we should confront, confront, confront

Dec 22, 2020

We can argue all day long
but the two extremes might both be wrong

Dec 23, 2020

Brexit is coming, it's going to suck
just look at the super-long lines of trucks

Dec 24, 2020

When the clouds obscure the stars
we really can't see very far

Dec 25, 2020

We're done with all of the Christmas cheer
now is my favorite time of year

Dec 27, 2020

Its signal is like a beautiful song
Voyager II keeps on chugging along

Dec 28, 2020

You may post almost anything
to see how folks react
but speculation's not the same as fact

Dec 29, 2020

It was a beautiful film to watch
but, the ending was badly botched

Dec 30, 2020

2020 was bad, and nobody's happy
but 2021 will also be crappy

Dec 31, 2020

I've lost my sense of humor
That may be very true
but I do not see what's funny
in the right wing point of view