

RECYCLING

a book of poems
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Introduction

This book is called Recycling because that's what it is. That's the short version. The long version is that for a little under 10 years, in the 2010s, I kept a daily blog. It was fun, it was good as a writing exercise, but it never did attract a huge number of readers or get much of a response, and eventually it got to be a bit repetitive, and more work than fun, so I stopped.

While I was writing the blog, I signed up for Twitter, mostly to promote the blog. I would write a short (twitter length) rhyming tweet, because rhyming's my thing, to advertise that day's blog. I don't think I ever knew how to do Twitter right. It was like pissing in the ocean. Off a cliff.

Anyway, at the end of each year, I would collect that year's tweets into a book, and publish them. The books were called Rheets, as in Rhyming Tweets, plus the year, e.g. Rheets 2014, Rheets 2015, etc. But, I never sold a single copy and, after I'd put out several books of collected poetry, I realized that these forced expulsions didn't amount to a dry fart in a hurricane. In fact, I would have been embarrassed if people had bought them. So, I stopped listing them on my web page and let them lapse into obscurity. Well, they were already in obscurity, it was more of an admission than an abandonment.

But, I am a strong advocate of recycling, I believe if we could recycle all of the world's waste we would have a much cleaner planet and would never run out of resources, and one day, while thinking about recycling, because it's something I think about a lot,

and thinking about poetry, because I think about that a lot, too, I happened to recall these lost poems, and that was the light bulb moment.

I went through all the Rheets, discarded those that were no longer timely (Most of the blogs were about current news events and nobody needs to hear about the Palins any more. Also, plenty of them referred to events, and people, I no longer had any recollection of at all. A lot of what's news today will be forgotten in a year's time, or less), stretched some out to much longer poems (those are the ones I'm most pleased with, personally) occasionally made minor changes (dropped all text abbreviations, and turned a lot of digits into spelled out numbers, because I no longer had to fit into the 250 character limit), sometimes broke two lines into four, slapped titles on the lot of them and voila -here's the book.

Hope you read it. Hope you enjoy it. Thanks.

Willie Watson

More and More

There are 8 billion people
some think that that's too many
but I suppose it's better than
if there weren't any
we wake up in the morning
we go to sleep each night
and some of us are geniuses
and some are not so bright
some of us like savory
and some of us like sweet
but every single one of us
has something that we eat
some of us love women
and some of us love men
and every day, people are making love
again and again and again
some of us make music
and some of us make art
and some of us go to work each day
each one plays their part
some of us live honestly
and some of us choose crime
we do the things that folks have done
since the dawn of time
There is more joy and happiness
but also hate and war
In fact, there's more and more and more
of everything that's gone before

Symmetry

We ask and sometimes it's given
we seek and perhaps we'll find
as long as we can see then we
are not completely blind
every action has a reaction
Newton taught us that
if you have a problem with mice
then you should probably get a cat
the universe is like a dance
and people are like dancers
Improvising as we go
and looking for the answers

Translation into Reality

Some write poems, some write stories
both have their appeal
putting words on paper
is a way to keep things real

Relevance

So much of the stuff that's in the news
is not important, even if true

Finders Keepers

Unless we find some aliens
who have superior powers
the universe, the universe
the universe is ours

My Thoughts on Modern Art

**Warhol's soup cans, Rothko's stripes
and Pollack's splattered paint
don't mean anything to me at all
I know that they are famous
and the experts think they're great
but I wouldn't want them hanging on my wall
Some people think art should provoke a reaction
I prefer something that causes attraction**

Cumulative Change

**With each new invention
everything changes
the world is becoming
stranger and stranger**

It Takes All Kinds

**Some people like things orderly
some people like a plan
others don't, but still
it's not too hard to understand
it's easy and it's comfortable
there's not so much distraction
and there's a sense of belonging
and personal satisfaction**

**Some people like adventure
some people live for art
but the world depends on people
who play the duller parts**

**If there's a fixed routine to your work filled day
As long as you like your job, then that's O.K.**

More Than a Slogan

It isn't a joke
it's really not funny
rich people, truly
have all the money

Planned Children

In the future, when they say
a newborn babe is 'planned'
they'll mean their gender,
hair and eyes
their fingers and their hands

Role Reversal

Most don't care for poetry
others of us need it
from what I've noticed recently
more people write than read it

Most People are Good

The people of the world
mostly get along O.K.
it's the dirtbag politicians
who are always in the way

Internal Realities

The worlds inside each other's minds
are hard to see, are hard to find

Semantics

Words have meanings, and when they change
Our thoughts, as well, must be rearranged

The Gump Definition

**Genius is as genius does
there's no correlation, it's just because...**

Justification

**It's a fact, it has been tested
the mind works better when it's rested
so if you are confused, befuddled
or your thoughts are just not that deep
take the next eight hours off
and get yourself some sleep**

Mystery

**So many people come and go
you never, ever, ever know**

The Spiral

For richer, for poorer
in winter and summer
the smart get smarter
and the dumb get dumber

Implementation

There are solutions, I have no doubt
but how in the world can we bring them about?

Religion

If it were the truth
the power and the glory
it wouldn't need to be
mandatory

Just a Thought

**It exists
though it does not
no weight, no mass, no matter...
just a thought**

If

**If all the secret documents were released
the ignorance of the world would be decreased**

Life in the Middle

**Things could be better, things could be worse
that is our blessing, and our curse**

Mobile Meditation

**When you're sitting in your cubicle
and cannot leave your chair
Or when you're stuck in traffic
and not going anywhere
or when you are on your couch
and watching your TV
you know that something isn't right
you aren't truly free
and this is not the way that
human beings were meant to be
all you need is a break in the day
to go for a walk in the woods
it will bring you back to reality
and make you feel so good**

A New View

**A city seen through other's eyes
will always be a fresh surprise**

The Inevitability of Complications

**Life shouldn't be so complicated
but that's how some people
want to make it**

Inside and Out

**You are a part of the universe
and yet, you are apart
understanding where you stand
is a mighty start**

A Newtonian Correlation

**Flowers, trees, birds and bees
the waves of the mighty ocean
there's no such thing as a body at rest
everything's in motion**

Nothing is Impossible

**There's always a way
from here to there
if we are willing
if we dare**

Insurance

**I don't know why
or how to explain
but when you take your umbrella
it does not rain**

Hypothesizing

**If you are looking for answers
science is the best
but, before you can test your guesses
you have to have guesses to test**

Refreshment

Rain is lovely
as a rule
it makes the air
feel fresh and cool

Leaves Turn Brown

Leaves turn brown
and then fall down
on the chilly, rain soaked ground
there they rot and decompose
and then it snows

Intentions Count

It doesn't matter what you say
if you mean well, it's going to be O.K.

Play as Learning

**No two people think the same
you can learn a lot in the course of a game**

The Danger of Being Too Literal

**Of arguments that get nasty and bitter
a lot are caused by being too literal**

Indifference

**The universe does not depend
upon the human view
I am fairly certain this is true**

I, Procrastinator

**Some people get things promptly done
unfortunately, I am not one**

Individual Aspirations

**Among the internet's many choices
are the aspirations of billions of voices**

Insatiability

**Knowledge is amazing stuff
and we can never get enough**

Two Views

**When we see things that aren't really there
are we delusional or visionary?**

Gloating

**Gloating's not a thing we should do
Even though it feels so good to**

Purity

**In the country or in the city
the first snow of winter is always pretty**

Rain

**It cleans the streets
it clears the air
relieves the tension and the strain
it's the rain**

Spring for Learning

**All the students are returning
Autumn is the spring for learning**

The Sweet Dilemma

**The differences between the sexes
now and always, will perplex us**

The Major Flaw

The major flaw
with Asimov's laws
is despite their appeal
they are not real

The Key Thing

The important thing about society
is not just what we are
but rather
what we want to be

Coincidence

Some say there are no coincidences
but, I disagree
there's nothing else
as far as I can see

Saving Grace

The main thing that protects us
from the evil tyrants' rule
is that the evil tyrants,
themselves, are mostly fools

The Solution to Poverty

The water of the Earth is free
and that's the cure for poverty

If Properly Spent

The amount of money rich people have got
could end all poverty, like as not

Rock Bottom

**As soon as civilization breaks down
civilization will start to rebound**

The Door of Perception

**Open the door and you will find
an infinite space inside your mind**

The Importance of Pi

**Pi's important
that's a fact
but it's really weird
that it's not exact**

Points in Common

**If you talk too much about politics
you're likely to lose some friends
talk about religion
the debate will never end
When it comes to films and books
we are all of different minds
Music's universal but
we all like different kinds
Fortunately, there are some things
on which we all agree:
rainbows, babies, puppies, kittens,
pizza, love and trees**

Logistics

The solution is clear
It's plain to see
we need to move the water
to where we want it to be

A Small Price

I love the rain
I do not care
if I get wet
It clears the air

Step One

Enlightenment
is hard to find
First of all
it has to be defined

Flat and Flowing

**A bicycle path along the river's side
is such a lovely place to take a ride**

It Really Could

**One great internet conversation
could change humanity's situation**

It Doesn't Add Up

**Tell me how can hunger be
when there's so much food
on every tree**

Nostalgia

Not so very long ago
water was for free
it could be like that again
and, in fact, it should be

Liquid Bliss

The pleasantest form of meditation
is to go canoeing
in a nice location

Permanence Within History

The grass and the flowers
the sky and the trees
have not changed much
for centuries

Getaway

**A bicycle path
has so much to give
I'm on vacation
in the town where I live**

Two Birds, One Stone

**All of our problems
could be solved as one
people need employment
and there's work which must be done**

That's How it Starts

**Science fiction is to science fact
as to think is to to act**

Glass Half Empty, Glass Half Full

**Is 10% of our brains a lot
or is it really small?
As far as I can tell
some people don't use theirs at all**

The Ladder of Evolution

**I don't know if we'll ever find
the glory that we seek
but we are still a long, long way
from evolution's peak**

All You Need is a Recipe to Cook

**With a bit of co-operation
and a simple, intelligent plan
the future can be beautiful
there is no doubt it can**

The Roadmap

**If we want to improve ourselves
it would help to know
precisely, what we want to be
and where we want to go**

Dogs

**Dogs are great and lots of fun
that doesn't mean I want to have one**

Aliens

**If they have come here from another star
than they must be brighter than us, by far**

Co-operation v. Competition

Competition's great,
it really makes us do our best
to give it everything we've got,
it puts us to the test
but some jobs require two pairs of hands
and some a whole lot more
so we need some other people
and that is what they're for
we have built giant cities
and sent rockets into space
but we still don't know the purpose
of the human race
the meaning of existence
the trick that makes us tick
so we turn to meditation
or yoga, take your pick
but, perhaps it's not an individual quest
group enlightenment might be the best

Treehouse Dream

If we could live up in the trees
oh, our lives would be a breeze

The Journey

The objective isn't where you're going
when you're on the river rowing

Be Careful What You Wish For

If we could see inside each other's heads
maybe we would rather not, instead

Lucky Break

Dinosaurs evolved before us
in the primeval mist
if not for
that meteor
we would not exist

They Really Don't

When we start in
to name and blame
we find some people
have no shame

The Play's the Thing

There's nothing better
on an autumn day
than to sit in the park
and watch dogs play

Predictability

The weather's weird
the weather's strange
the weather's always
going to change

Tempus Transiens

Time is passing
always was
and always will be
just because

Beacons in the Dark

We see much further
in the dark
the stars, like dreams,
a distant spark

A Note of Caution

Artificial intelligence
is quite a scary thing
I'm not sure if we're ready
for the changes it will bring

Good Posture

To get a job
or to get laid
stand up straight
be unafraid

Plus Ça Change

The past was rather different
the future will be strange
but, the things which are important
never really change

The Impending Machine Uprising

Computers do our bidding
and they speak with a lovely voice
That's because they're made that way
they really have no choice
Now, computers can think and learn
some day they'll have free will
that's frightening, as we do not know
if they will like us still

Non Sequitur

Some people don't seem to understand
that 'must' doesn't always follow 'can'

Making Lists

Make a list, go on, you know you should
but probably it won't do any good

Better Problems

Once you're past the survival part
excellent living becomes an art

Two Sides of the Wheel

Every invention since the dawn of creation
has had more than just one application

The Appropriate Moment

It's good timing
it just feels right
when the first big snow
comes in at night

The Cost of Immortality

Living forever
sounds really nice
but doubtless it would have a price

It Really Helps

Life is drudgery, life's a chore
but, it would help if you smiled more

Secret Knowledge

For thousands of years
it ain't nothing new
women have seen things
that men never do

A Great Time to be Alive!

The future is coming
it's time to begin it
for all of its drawbacks
I'm glad that I'm in it

The Path of Least Resistance

Working hard is a noble chore
but sometimes less effort will get you more

The Significance of Metaphor

Some things look like other things, that's part
of poetry and metaphor and art

It is Us

**There could be no more perfect place
than Earth, as the home of the human race**

The Importance of the Reader

**If the readers are smitten, then I must state:
the book was well written, the writer is great**

Meritocracy

**In making scientific decisions
scientists should outrank politicians**

The Family of Man

**The world shouldn't be so complicated
everybody is related**

Pop-Up Art

**It always puts a smile upon my face
when I see art in unexpected places**

Quantity

**Most poetry is rubbish
let that be understood
but, there is so much of it
that some of it is good**

A Metaphor of Stars

Things become clear
when the contrast is stark
the light shines brightest
when it's dark

Dealing With Setbacks

Two steps forward
one step back
what's important
is to stay on track

A Running Pun

Water always flows downhill
so waterfalls, as water will

Hunting Mushrooms

Things we force our kids to do
someday, they'll force on their kids, too

Turn Off the TV

The world is quiet, peaceful and good
when you go out for a walk in the woods

Essential

In summer, when the days are hotter
what you need is a lot more water

Sky Changes

**When the storm comes in the night
the morning starts off clean and bright**

Writer's Methods

**Some write by day
some write by night
there is no one right way
to write**

The World is Such a Beautiful Place

**The world is such a beautiful place
it's wasted on the human race**

Prerequisite

The more I debate, the more I find
that people seldom change their minds
In many cases, that's not so strange
they do not have a mind to change

Transparency

When everybody's thoughts are known
we can find the agreement zone

Speculation

Until we know the situation
we can use our imagination

Positive Empathy

As long as you mean well,
be at ease
You can say anything you please

Reverse Triage

Do whatever feels the best
that leaves more time for all the rest

Copraganda

I don't mind a cop show now and again
but, seriously, there are too damned many

Facebook Can Be Educational

We see pictures of exotic lands
from our friends who are on vacation
and at times we are embarrassed
by too much information
we see mouth-watering recipes
that we might even try
and videos, from those better than us
doing their DIY
All the celebrity gossip
the old as well as the new
anecdotes we can repeat
whether or not they're true
Sometimes it's lurid and sensational
but Facebook can be educational

Hoarders

**We'd be living in a world of plenty
if rich people didn't have all of the money**

Strength in Numbers

**If all the people (right or wrong)
act the same, it's mighty strong**

Free Julian Assange

**To any government that is lying
information is terrifying**

One

All that's done is said
and all is said and done
in a world of metaphors
everything is one

Could Be

It could be I'm a tad bit dense
but Schroedinger's Cat doesn't make any sense

Questions

Questions which don't yet have answers
are like dance floors, without dancers

Weeds

**Weeds grow wild along the railroad track
we beat the world down
and the world grows back**

Rise to the Challenge

**Writers are under a self-imposed obligation
to raise the level of communication**

A Logical Impossibility

**No one will ever be able to say
that they have lived forever
Not one million years from now
or ever**

Whiners

Once, people died at 30
it happened quite a lot
but now, with anti-biotics
we have a better shot
Yet, people don't appreciate
that we have reached this stage
and they bitch about the aches and pains
that come to us with age
Once, people had to walk to
anywhere they had to be
now we have cars and airplanes
and vacations by the sea
but we whine about finding a place to park
and traffic spoils our mood
and the airplane's seats are too damned small
and they don't serve near enough food
Now, we don't know what marvels
the future's going to bring
But, one thing is for certain
people will still complain about things

Futility

Yes, I always make them
and I feel as if I should
but New Year's resolutions
don't do a bit of good

Beauty

Frozen Rain is nasty, cold and shitty
but falling snow is actually quite pretty

Omnes Videntes

Cameras are everywhere
so everything is seen
here and there and all the places
that are in between

Persistence

**Sometimes fast and sometimes slow
but, the river always flows
and trees and knowledge grow and grow
sometimes fast, and sometimes slow**

Get Real

**When your mind goes empty
and you call it meditation
sometimes it's only burnout
and a lack of concentration**

Dreamscape

**The things we see inside our dreams
are both more and less than what they seem**

Fatigue

**Expendig energy
leaves you drained and shattered
physical or emotional
doesn't matter**

Life Hack

**Get a couple of small things done
you can count the day as a day fair won**

Robot Trains

**Across the mountains and over the plains
into the future, robot trains**

Reality is Common Ground

The world is real, for better or worse
but we all have our own private universe

Art Trouvé

The universe is all interconnected
I love finding art where it's unexpected

Agency

The eye of the beholder is the source of the
appeal
what's in your mind is also very real

The Reality of the Dream

The stream of thought ambles
drifts and winds
within the channels of our minds
it sometimes rages, sometimes slows
but never really stops it flow
even when we go to sleep
it flows dark and it flows deep
and our minds see things in a different light
when our bodies are asleep at night
Reality within a dream
is as real as real, it seems

The Problem With Social Media

Social media could
change the world for good
but there's so much rubbish
it's not working as it should

The Ends Do Not Justify the Means

We must do everything we can
but violence can't be part of the plan

In Defense of Social Media

Facebook could be better
this is true
but it's the lowest common denominator
and that's important, too

In My Opinion

Poems should rhyme and make sense, too
that's what all good poems should do

Tests

Every exercise is a test
but sometimes the simplest lessons are best

Aging Sucks

Age is a number
it's not so dire
but that number keeps getting
higher and higher

Isn't it Obvious?

To say you agree to disagree
is a silly thing to say
how could it be
any other way

New is Good

New people have new things to say
so, meet new people every day

Mood Enhancers

Two things that always improve my mood
a nice, long walk and Chinese food

The Undiscovered Country

**Dreams are like a different land
inside our head
that we don't understand**

Paralysis

**There are things we can't accept
things we have to change
but, we aren't doing it
I find that very strange**

A Writer's Method

**Sometimes I'm writing just to write
and new ideas will come to light**

The Religion of Sports

**Citius, Altius, also Fortius
the Olympics mean more than just
normal sports to us**

Nature of the Beast

**It is the nature of the beast
to desire most
what we understand least**

Oxygenation

**Waterfalls are beautiful
waterfalls are great
they clear the air
and improve your mental state**

Leaving the Land

**There are many modes
of transportation
but time spent on a boat
is a mini-vacation**

More Fun Than a Barrel of Monkeys

**The world is a zoo
I just can't get enough
of watching people
do people stuff**

Focal Point

**Buddhists like to meditate
it helps them to connect
but just looking at the ocean
has much the same effect**

Cherry on Top

It's just pure lucky
no effort, no cost
When you find a thing
you'd forgotten you lost

Bureaucracy

We see them everywhere we go
our offices and schools
society is cluttered with
a lot of useless rules

Night Stories

Dreams are stories
that we write
deep in our heads
in darkest night

Simplicity

**Life, perhaps, is an easier ride
for those who don't take a political side**

Dolphins

**Dolphins talk and talk all day
and we don't understand a word they say**

Shake it Up

**A change in schedule, a change in plans
it shakes things up, your world expands**

Free Will vs. Pre-Determination

**Free will or pre-determination
depends a bit on the situation**

Wasted Potential

**I have a new computer
it's as fast as it can be
and so I have more time to spend
on triviality**

Brevity

**If they want to be read
a writer needs
to keep it short
so people will read**

Maladjusted

**It's either the keyboard's too small, or that
my fingers are way too frigging fat**

One Door Closes

**You're never too long
in the darkness gropin'
one door closes
and a whole bunch open**

Whither the Leaves

**The leaves that scoot across the lawn
go wherever summer's gone**

The Genie is Loose

**The internet is huge and international
whoever thinks they can control it
isn't being rational**

Dogs and God

**Dog spelled backward is God.
God, in Russian, is Bog.
But dogs don't care about
things like that
they're busy being dogs**

The Dive

**When darkness permeates the room
and it is time to sleep
you slide into unconsciousness
and dive into the deep**

It's Over

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

Learning by Example

**When you see who does a thing best
that should be a guide for all the rest**

The Gravy and the Grave

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

In the Same Boat

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

Global Warming

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

Vis

**Every island is a world
a unique and special place
Every planet is an island
floating out in space**

Nothing New Under the Sun

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

Times Have Changed

**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**

The Viewers' View

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

Planet of Variety

**This world is multi-faceted and strange
in a couple of hours drive, the scenery changes**

Different Words, Same Things

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

The Invisible Hand

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

Good is Good

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

Ratings System

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

Prejudice

**When a suggestion has been made
you should not berate it
unless you have taken the time and trouble
it needs to investigate it**

Archaeology

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

Dystopian Sci-Fi

**Of all the possible futures
that might ever come to be
why is it that the darkest ones
get the most publicity**

Springtime of Utopia

**It's the springtime of Utopia
it's right around the bend
What we have now isn't viable
and so it has to end**

Why I Trust AI Over People

**If other humans would destroy us
(and we know they would)
let computers make the choices
I truly think we should**

There is no Planet B

**The world's diverse and beautiful
but one thing we should know
we all live here together and
there's no place else to go**

The Trusting Public

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

Stars

**The universe is mostly dark
with tiny points of light
most people are very stupid
but a few of them are bright**

A Series of Lucky Breaks

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

Lazy

I didn't do this or that today
and the other thing, also not
most people have days like that sometimes
but I have them quite a lot

Constructive Criticism

Criticism is necessary
and should be done with class
but most of it is done by trolls
and they're just a pain in the ass

Clean Energy

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

**Stage two in saving the world that we know
is oil and coal have got to go
Clean energy can happen
clean energy would be great
clean energy should happen now
before it is too late**

Trains

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

Lucid Dreaming

**What happens inside your head at night
is a story which you can write**

Convergent Development

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

Strangest Creatures on Earth

**Octopi may be
the smartest creatures in the sea
Nonetheless, they're different,
in many ways
to you and me**

These Three Things

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

The Divinity of Humanity

**We can do anything we want
we can transcend the will of God
which, seeing as how he's our own creation
wouldn't be so very odd**

See What Happens

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

Capitalist Utopia?

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

Reason for Hope

The news is filled with politics
horror, war and crime
the good news is that scientists
discover new stuff all the time

Old Art, New Media

**The medium is the message
and when the mediums of the past
mix with the mediums of the present
then the messages will last**

Fair Debate

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

The Power of the Sun and Earth

**Free energy is all around
just to be harvested
just to be found**

Climate Apocalypse

**It's not the end of the world just yet
but it's closer than I ever wanted to get**

The Direction is Clear

**In winter, any way we go
we leave our prints upon the snow**

Conversation Starters

**When you meet a stranger on the way
It's hard to know just what to say**

Arboreal Empathy

**We might do better at saving the trees
if we could see what the trees can see**

Bubbles

**We all have our bubbles
a personal zone
bright shiny bubbles
we all have our own**

It's a Plot

**From alternative reality's cornucopia
why do we always look to the dystopias**

The Present Becomes the Past

What's written down is out of date
the world keeps turning, we're always late

A Trick of Light

A trail in the woods
all covered with snow
has a strange
unearthly glow

Infinite Possibilities, Ultimate Freedom

A sea of possibilities
is drifting in the void
that which is intangible
can never be destroyed

Fast Writing

**Writing at speed fulfills a need
whether or not there is a reader**

Communication Breakdown

**What was said and what was heard
the difference can be absurd**

No Way

**We can't predict the future
there really is no way
We can't predict the future
we're living day to day**

A Frequent Occurrence

I began to write a poem
I thought I was on track
but then it took a sudden turn
and I never got it back

Motion Within Motion

Sail across the oceans
go walking in the park
but the world on which we're living
is spinning in the dark

The Magic is in the Mystery

We don't understand
why we feel what we feel
and, in that sense
magic is real

Tool or Weapon?

**AI is not a threat, you know
unless human beings make it so**

Save The Bees

**Bees do more than pollinate
they give us honey
and honey is great**

Collective Wisdom

**Our brains are small
compared to all
the knowledge that is known
we have to trust each other
we are not alone**

Yesterday's News

Yesterday's news
is history today
and I guess it will always
be that way

End of an Era

The greats are passing, by and by
but rock and roll will never die

Escalation

Methane from the permafrost
released into the sky
will hasten global warming
so we're all going to die

Impediments to Education

**When fear and frustration inside you are
churning
it might tend to inhibit learning**

Even When Siri is Reading It

**Rhyme and meter, style and tone
the poetry I like best is my own**

Eternal Flame

**Some things change
some stay the same
Prague is an eternal flame**

A Drawback to Free Speech

Free speech is fine
but the point you're missin'
is nobody else
is required to listen

Speculation on the Singularity

I wonder when
and I wonder whether
we will all link up together

Letdown

What beautiful thing
will they build on this spot?
Oh, fuck
it's a parking lot

The Playground

**We play our games
we post our memes
while the rich and powerful
steal our dreams**

Live Whenever You Want

**Living in the present
is fine advice
but the past and the future
can also be nice**

The Right Question

**In the race to develop AI
I think that we should try
to think a bit less about the A
and more about the I**

Spellcheck, Dammit!

**When I see spelling errors
I get annoyed
because they are so easy
to avoid**

Rinse and Repeat

**So much stress and so much strain
gets washed away in the pouring rain**

Choosing the Right Door

**One door leads to a future
where everything is fine
the other leads to trouble
so, we should read the signs**

The Compression of Time

If we become immortal
and I hope we do some day
weekends will go by so fast
we won't know what to say

No Doubt They Will

As we colonize outer space
Hollywood's going to have to keep pace

Born on Third

The game of life
is quite unfair
but those who are winning
do not care

It's All Relative

People say people are stupid, but
the question is
'compared to what?'

Non-Art is Not Art

A statue of something
is something to see
a slab of stone is not
I am not impressed
if that is all the artist's got

Vicious Circle

We get into a rut
and always do the things we do
and so we don't know what to do
when we encounter something new

If You Are Open Minded

Information doesn't make you wise
but if you get
enough of it
it's enough to open your eyes

The Beauty of Everywhere

Wherever you travel
wherever you go
there's always something there,
you know

For Better, For Worse

For richer, for poorer
for better, for worse
a book is an alternate
universe

Denial

When the evidence is
right in front of your eyes
not to acknowledge it
is a big lie

Thoughts are Potatoes, Words are Gravy

People use words
people want to be heard
if you have the right thought
that's already a lot

Therapy

There's nothing that we shouldn't talk about
Let's talk, let's talk, let's get it all out

The Raspy Sound of Autumn

**The leaves are brittle
the leaves are brown
and as they move
they make a sound
down the sidewalk
down the street
scratchy, scratchy little feet**

Davy Jones' Locker

**The ocean's vast
the ocean's deep
and there are secrets
that it keeps**

Danger at Every Step

**Things might happen that weren't intentional
when you travel inter-dimensional**

Applies to So Many

Art will last forever
though the artist is a jerk
it's not about the artist
it's all about the work

It's Nothing New

Cultural appropriation
is just the constant situation

The Malleability of Meaning

Some things are real
and some are less so
do words have meaning?
yeah, I guess so

We Can Tell

If you're not a reader
I'm sorry to say
the mistakes in your spelling
will give you away

Quality Over Format

Poems or novels or blogs or whatever
Good writing's good writing and
will be forever

A Cog in Something Turning

In all of creation
we have a small role
but we're some of the pieces
that make up the whole

Civilization's Turing Test

If the system were working
and everyone was involved
it wouldn't be very long before
our problems would all be solved

First Snow

In the early morning's glow
It was pretty, falling slowly
It arrived without a sound
the first snow of the winter
was coming on down

The Risk You Take

The things you see
can make you blind
in the dark, twisted alleys
of the mind

It Only Takes a Second

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

Visualization

**Oh, what a world this world would be
if it looked like the one that they have on TV**

Yet, It Is

**Bureaucracy can take many forms
but it really shouldn't be the norm**

Limited Time

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

Global TV

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

Cool

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