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Chapter 1: MUSIC FOR THE APOCALYPSE



<https://pixabay.com/en/apocalypse-war-armageddon-2570868/>

Wait for it to end

Bombs droppin', people cryin'

Pump up the music

NOTE: Listen to Eddie Hazel's long sad guitar solo on Funkadelics' "Maggot Brain."

Chapter 2: HAIR



<https://pixabay.com/en/hair-curls-woman-girl-fashion-3564797/>

**It's made of dead cells
— Part of what makes me is dead —
Yet it's part of me**

Chapter 3: RAINY WALK



<https://pixabay.com/en/couple-jetty-walk-man-boardwalk-1783843/>

**A walk through the rain
Two people, one umbrella
Sharing a moment**

Chapter 4: BOYFRIEND



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-kiss-kissing-farm-frog-1283961/>

**It's her first boyfriend
What does she see in that boy?
Looks froggy to me**

Chapter 5: GIRLFRIEND



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-kiss-kissing-farm-frog-1283961/>

**I have a girlfriend
And something tells me you don't
So get lost, loser**

Chapter 6: A PERFECT DAY



<https://pixabay.com/en/chipmunk-spring-field-meadow-2323827/>

Beautiful sunshine
A day lived amid beauty
Brilliant bright spring day

Chapter 7: SPECTACULAR



<https://pixabay.com/en/high-rise-skyscraper-windows-1565857/>

Skyscrapers and sky
Both are spectacular sights
Art reflects nature

Chapter 8: CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME



<https://pixabay.com/en/japanese-cherry-trees-flowers-pink-3063992/>

Cherry blossom time
Long on beauty, short on time
Full blooms last a week

Chapter 9: DEEP THOUGHT



<https://pixabay.com/en/the-thinker-rodin-rodin-museum-489753/>

Deep thought is hard work

Look at his twisted torso

It takes an effort

Chapter 10: FLOWERS



<https://pixabay.com/en/young-child-girl-dancing-happy-3587632/>

**blossoms, little girl,
and her decorated skirt:
all these are flowers**

Chapter 11: LIFE



<https://pixabay.com/en/cherry-blossoms-landscape-spring-2218781/>

**So much to enjoy
Long on wishes, short on time
Short time to love life**

NOTE: Inspired by thereluctantpoet.

Chapter 12: WHAT WILL I SEE?



<https://pixabay.com/en/man-in-black-coat-male-handsome-1502461/>

Angels wearing white?

When I die, what will I see?

A man wearing black?

NOTE: Lots of people see Elvis;

I'm expecting Johnny Cash.

Chapter 13: TWO GOOD MEDICINES



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-roses-red-wreath-flowers-1403418/>

Two good medicines
Pretty girl wearing flowers
Beauty in two forms

Chapter 14: HEY, BEE!



<https://pixabay.com/en/gazanias-flower-garden-flower-69811/>

**Hey, bee! Look at me!
Get some pollen and nectar
And spread my pollen**

Note: The flowers are Gazanias.

Chapter 15: CATCALLING



<https://pixabay.com/en/nature-girl-palms-child-andar-1786464/>

**Got a streak going!
Haven't been catcalled so far!
For how much longer?**

Chapter 16: REBEL



<https://pixabay.com/en/photography-blackandwhite-beauty-3598235/>

**Worthwhile rebellion?
Rebel against ignorance,
Cruelty, injustice**

Chapter 17: MONEY, GUN, AND ROSE



<https://pixabay.com/en/money-gun-rose-romance-cash-3499220/>

**Money, gun, and rose
Can be used for good, evil
They are simply tools**

Chapter 18: NOSE ART



<https://pixabay.com/en/wwii-nose-art-aircraft-germany-3599962/>

Individualism

Not officially approved

Airplane's front fuselage

Chapter 19: THE MAJOR CAUSE OF CANCER



<https://pixabay.com/en/worried-girl-woman-waiting-sitting-413690/>

Extremely bad luck

— The major cause of cancer —

Dirty, rotten luck

Chapter 20: HAIR



<https://pixabay.com/en/hair-woman-blonde-long-street-3610980/>

**Ninety-pound woman
Is most weight found in her hair?
It seems probable**

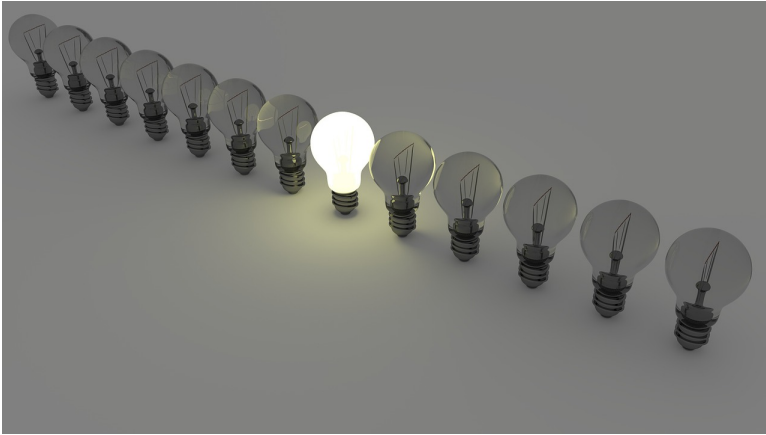
Chapter 21: PENSIVE



<https://pixabay.com/en/woman-beautiful-sexy-beauty-red-3608561/>

thoughtful, reflective
contemplative, deep in thought
serious, absorbed

Chapter 22: A PARTY OF ONE



<https://pixabay.com/en/light-bulbs-light-bulb-light-energy-1125016/>

A party of one

Only you should live your own life

Must make your own way

Chapter 23: IS IT REAL?

**Way too much makeup
Mannequin? Or is it real?
Too much retouching**

NOTE: No photo, because a photo would be hurtful.

Chapter 24: FANTASY ARMOR



<https://pixabay.com/en/woman-soldier-uniform-in-the-series-2853071/>

Fantasy armor

— Good thing they are mannequins —

For fantasy wounds?

Chapter 25: WANDERING HAIKU WRITER



<https://pixabay.com/en/wheat-field-girl-walking-field-1081914/>

Looking at nature
Haiku writer wandering
Seeking better poems

Chapter 26: THE PERFECT POEM



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-walking-young-nature-outdoor-2897911/>

**Where can I find it?
In search of the perfect poem
In this flower field?**

Chapter 27: MORE THAN YOUR BONES



<https://pixabay.com/en/desert-dry-landscape-nature-hot-1246842/>

**An important task
Leave behind more than your bones
Advance Humankind**

Chapter 28: BEAUTY OF FALLEN PETALS



<https://pixabay.com/en/fallen-flowers-showers-early-break-1472803/>

Even after death
Beauty of fallen petals
Can cheer onlookers

Chapter 29: A BEAUTIFUL DAY



<https://pixabay.com/en/sky-flowers-nature-bloom-summer-3618233/>

**Not all beautiful
Days have clear bright blue skies and
White cumulous clouds**

Chapter 30: FOR I WAS HUNGRY



<https://pixabay.com/en/people-homeless-male-street-850097/>

**For I was hungry
— How to get into Heaven —
And you gave me food**

NOTE: Read Matthew 25:31-46.

Chapter 31: “FUNNY OLD THING, LIFE”



<https://pixabay.com/en/penguins-emperor-penguins-baby-429128/>

“Funny old thing, life”

No fancy words, but so true

Poor man’s poetry

Chapter 32: Lady LUCK



<https://pixabay.com/en/gambling-mural-dice-las-vegas-lady-69563/>

**Her name's Lady Luck
True, but some info's missing.
Good luck or bad luck?**

Chapter 33: GUNPOINT ETHICS



<https://pixabay.com/en/man-mature-portrait-mafia-violence-2677829/>

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**Killing can't be right
I don't like killing people —
“Hold onto that thought”**

NOTE: Inspired by Terry Pratchet's *Sourcery*.

Chapter 34: A RAINBOW IS BORN



<https://pixabay.com/en/coneflower-blossom-bloom-petal-3521669/>

Flower bud opens
Colors burst forth in the air
A rainbow is born

**Chapter 35: BEAUTY MEETS BEAUTY MEETS
BEAUTY**



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-butterfly-camp-flowers-yellow-1319106/>

Beauty meets beauty

— Flowers, butterfly, woman —

One more — meets beauty

Chapter 36: A THING I'VE MISSED



<https://pixabay.com/en/animal-creature-equine-fantasy-2023216/>

Sixty-four years old
Not once have I heard the neigh
Of a unicorn

Chapter 37: MOMENT



<https://pixabay.com/en/clock-pocket-watch-gold-valuable-597439/>

This is a moment

This is another moment

This is a moment

Chapter 38: HOW TO BE AWESOME



<https://pixabay.com/en/child-cool-dress-fun-hero-red-164318/>

How to be awesome
Wear a Superman outfit
Works for everyone

Chapter 39: TULIP CROP



<https://pixabay.com/en/tulip-field-tulips-red-holland-1235222/>

A crop of tulips
Natural moneymakers
Should I oppose this?

Chapter 40: UNIONS



<https://pixabay.com/en/business-business-people-3421076/>

**Join a good union
Put the pieces together
All become stronger**

Chapter 41: COCOONS



<https://pixabay.com/en/cocoon-butterfly-larva-larvae-209096/>

**Future butterflies
Are ugly ducklings now, but
Superstars later.**

Chapter 42: I AM ENVIOUS



<https://pixabay.com/en/butterfly-flying-insect-108616/>

**I am envious
Butterflies find their food by
Seeking out beauty**

Chapter 43: GOT MY MAKEUP ON



<https://pixabay.com/en/camel-zoo-desert-animal-3638174/>

**Got my makeup on
“I’m ready for my close-up,
Mister DeMille, sir”**

Chapter 44: IF IT JOYS YOUR SOUL



<https://pixabay.com/en/ballet-dance-ballerina-scene-1376250/>

If it joys your soul
— whatsoever it may be —
It's a glimpse of God

**NOTE: Inspired by Annette Rochelle Aben's
"Dominoes."**

<https://annetterochelleaben.wordpress.com/2018/09/05/dominoes/>

Chapter 45: ONE JOB OUGHT TO BE ENOUGH



<https://pixabay.com/en/labor-day-protest-protestant-hope-3654603/>

To buy food, shelter
— One job ought to be enough —
Health care, and clothing

Chapter 46: FOOTWEAR OF THE RICH



<https://pixabay.com/en/luxuryshoe-boot-shoe-marten-3642040/>

Footwear of the rich

Luxury shoes, fancy socks

A needless buckle

NOTE: Seriously, it's good to pay the money necessary to get good footwear. Leaky shoes and wet socks make no one happy.

Chapter 47: LADY POVERTY



<https://pixabay.com/en/purse-wallet-money-finances-3548021/>

I think I've found her!
I wasn't even looking!
She must have found me

Chapter 48: FUN OR WORK?



<https://pixabay.com/en/people-water-summer-holidays-3654396/>

**Is this fun or work?
Vacation or modeling?
Does she enjoy this?**

Chapter 49: ME AND MY BUNNY



<https://pixabay.com/en/rabbit-hare-baby-girl-studio-toy-3660673/>

Me and my bunny

— Don't tell her she'll outlive it! —

Best friends forever

Chapter 50: PARADISE



<https://pixabay.com/en/animals-dogs-cat-play-2222007/>

What's Paradise like?
You'll find every cat and dog
You have ever owned

Chapter 51: *QUE SERA, SERA*



<https://pixabay.com/en/acorn-oak-oak-fruit-fruit-quercus-990846/>

**What will I become?
Food for a hungry squirrel?
Or a mighty oak?**

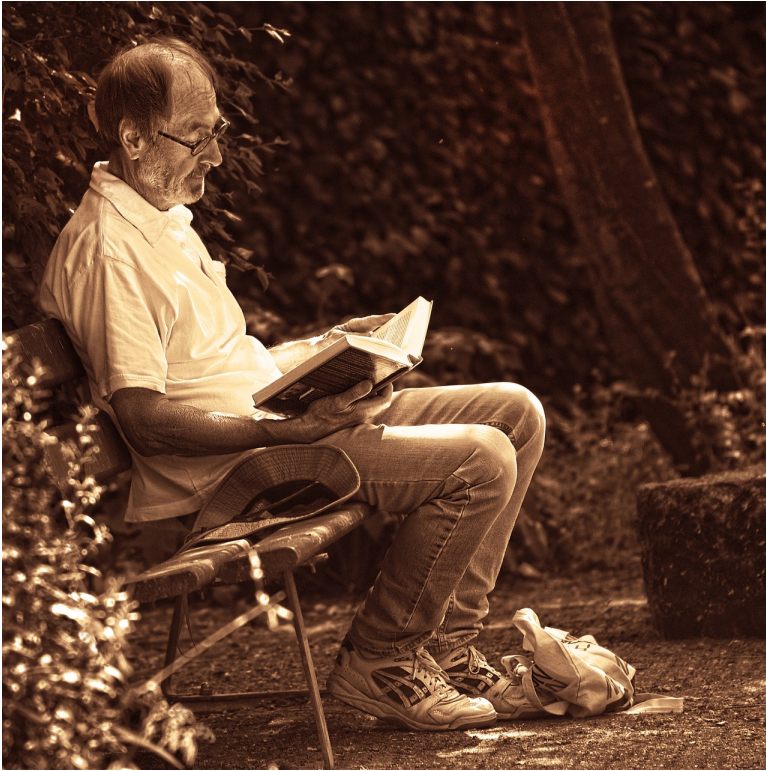
Chapter 52: BLACK



<https://pixabay.com/en/heart-flower-drip-pink-dicentra-3472137/>

the perfect background
adds pizzazz to your colors
Pop! go the colors

Chapter 53: SHADES OF GREY VERSUS COLOR



<https://pixabay.com/en/person-man-people-elderly-sitting-3505169/>

**The dull outside world
— Inside a book is color —
May be shades of grey**

Chapter 54: WHEN DOLLS GO TO WAR



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-gear-weapon-cute-toy-3671577/>

Heavily armed girl

— How sad when dolls go to war —

Almost no armor

Chapter 55: THE LOVE OF READING



<https://pixabay.com/en/address-book-notebook-book-notes-2152429/>

The love of reading
One of the best parts of life
Sofa adventures

Chapter 56: YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIND



Source: David Bruce

**This is your own choice
Be bad? Good? Just one right choice.**

You've got to be kind

[Free eBook: YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIND](#)

Chapter 57: WOW! WHAT A TYPO!

⇒ Edgar Lee Masters: Lyman King (Spoon River Massacre)



YOU may think, passer-by, that Fate
Is a pit-fall outside of yourself,
Around which you may walk by the use of foresight
And wisdom.
Thus you believe, viewing the lives of other men,
As one who in God-like fashion bends over an anthill,
Seeing how their difficulties could be avoided.
But pass on into life:
In time you shall see Fate approach you
In the shape of your own image in the mirror;
Or you shall sit alone by your own hearth,
And suddenly the chair by you shall hold a guest,
And you shall know that guest
And read the authentic message of his eyes.

Source: davidbruceblog #2

I wrote *Massacre*?

Oops! I meant *Anthology*!

Wow! What a typo!

NOTE: The screenshot is from my blog. Yeah, I made the typo.

Chapter 58: WHO WEARS THE SHOES?



<https://pixabay.com/en/feet-man-woman-shoes-footwear-984260/>

Who wears the shoes now?

Who makes the most cash per hour?

You do! Wear these shoes!

NOTE: Coffeandcolor told a story about her and her husband's shoes in answer to an AskReddit question about poverty. Her husband was laid off for a month, and since she needed shoes and had big feet, she wore his shoes. When her husband got his job back, they arranged their schedules so they didn't overlap so they could take turns wearing the shoes to work. One day their schedules overlapped, and her husband's \$9 per hour was more than her \$8.50 per hour, so Coffeandcolor told her supervisor that she had to leave early so she could give her husband the shoes. The next day her manager and the owner bought her and her husband each a pair of shoes and a bunch of groceries. The shoes are wore out now, but Coffeandcolor "braided the laces into a keychain to remind myself how blessed we are."

Chapter 59: MILES DAVIS



<https://pixabay.com/en/miles-davis-musician-trumpet-607733/>

New ways of playing

He reinvented music

Three, perhaps four times

Chapter 60: NUDE MODELING



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-woman-body-portrait-young-3680971/>

This is so boring

What should I make for supper?

I'm in the mood for ...

Chapter 61: ARMS



<https://pixabay.com/en/nature-summer-beautiful-3212037/>

**why are my arms in
this position? I came here
to worship the sun**

Chapter 62: PENSIVE



<https://pixabay.com/en/kids-sad-girl-umbrella-the-idea-3688902/>

**We are born without
Guarantee of happiness
Next up, puberty**

Chapter 63: LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD



<https://pixabay.com/en/child-folklore-sadness-eyes-mood-3688929/>

**I arrived too late
The wolf ate my grandmother
The woodsman went home**

Chapter 64: WEIGHTLIFTING



<https://pixabay.com/en/woman-body-hands-naked-beauty-3687872/>

**Some people lift weights
Weight machines, dumbbells, barbells
I lift some things else**

Chapter 65: CANCER IS A BITCH



<https://pixabay.com/en/woman-person-desktop-work-aerial-3187087/>

Cancer is a bitch

Cancer killed Mister Rogers

Not much hope for me

NOTE: Actually, I'm doing OK. I have a Plan of Action in place for a cure, but I admit to feeling down at times.

Chapter 66: ANTICIPATION



<https://pixabay.com/en/woman-coffee-cup-morning-hands-2289453/>

**First day of autumn
Leaves haven't changed colors yet
But they soon will change**

Chapter 67: RESPECT



<https://pixabay.com/en/fitness-sports-men-s-person-news-3679464/>

**muscles such as these
don't happen by accident
he worked hard for these**

Chapter 68: TYPOS



<https://pixabay.com/en/anger-angry-bad-isolated-dangerous-18615/>

No one likes typos

— Speed bumps to understanding —

Authors least of all

Chapter 69: SOLDIERS DIE IN WARS



<https://pixabay.com/en/us-marines-war-memorial-night-800934/>

Teenaged girls sometimes
Wrote soldiers, but their letters
Came back marked “Deceased”

NOTE: During World War II, many teenaged girls competed to see who could have the most pen pals in the United States military forces, but as the war dragged on, occasionally a letter addressed to a soldier would come back to the teenaged girl who had written it. The letter would include the reason why it had not been delivered — the front would be stamped “Deceased.”

Chapter 70: FAMILIAL LOVE



<https://pixabay.com/en/ape-lemur-animal-world-zoo-mama-3692114/>

Familial love

Some hope for all after all

Widespread on the Earth

Chapter 71: YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIND



<https://pixabay.com/en/feline-cat-pet-kitten-cute-648631/>

**You've got to be kind
Better than being evil
Bring light into life**

Chapter 72: AUTUMN



<https://pixabay.com/en/autumn-season-landscape-nature-2955461/>

**Autumn color change
A time of blazing beauty
And transformation**

Chapter 73: TEMPTATION



<https://pixabay.com/en/religion-that-time-belief-1139050/>

**Demons near my head
Tempting me to do evil
I know right from wrong**

Chapter 74: PHOENIX (AND YOU AND I?)



<https://pixabay.com/en/phoenix-graffiti-wings-girl-wall-3686820/>

**This living creature
Goes down in flames, but then it
Rises from the hot ashes**

Note: The haiku masters occasionally wrote a haiku with two lines of seven syllables and one line of five syllables.

Chapter 75: HIGH ON LIFE



<https://pixabay.com/en/woman-long-hair-people-female-girl-2593366/>

“I am high on life,”
some people say. I wonder,
Where can I get some?

Chapter 76: TATTOOS



<https://pixabay.com/en/woman-model-beautiful-girl-fashion-3709226/>

**Hope those tats are fake
Her skin is so beautiful
Needs no enhancements**

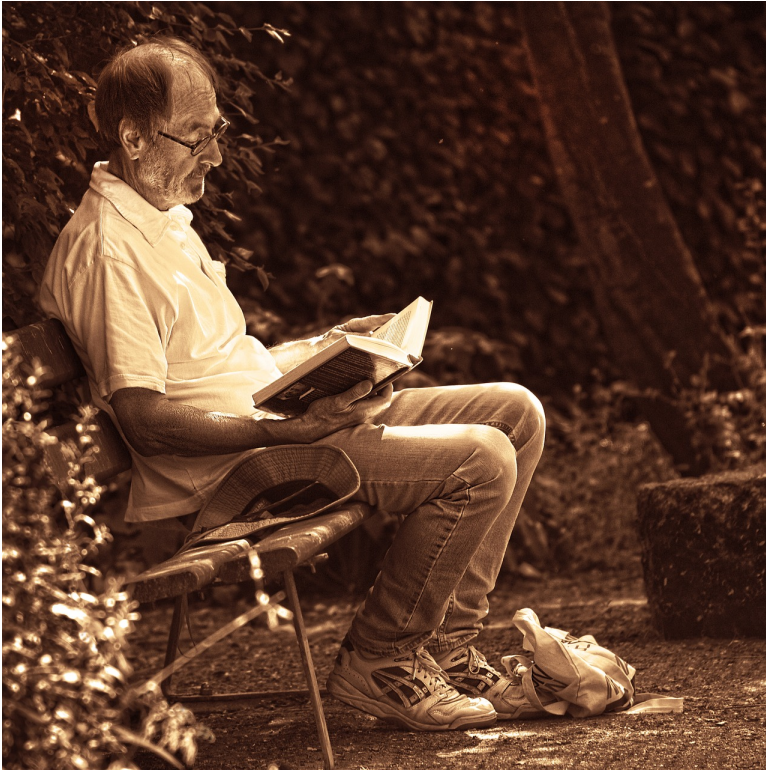
Chapter 77: MOON, EARTH, SUN



<https://pixabay.com/en/bride-couple-field-groom-landscape-1867318/>

**Moon seen in the east
In between, all the wide earth
Sun seen in the west**

Chapter 78: DID YOU GET A GOOD EDUCATION?



<https://pixabay.com/en/person-man-people-elderly-sitting-3505169/>

Good education?

How you can tell? It's easy!

Do you still read books?

Chapter 79: GOD IS AN ARTIST



<https://pixabay.com/en/chile-house-architecture-symmetry-1115590/>

**Some beautiful things
Sky, flowers, and the planets
God is an artist**

Chapter 80: MARY POPPINS



<https://pixabay.com/en/signboard-umbrella-woman-cute-3716967/>

**One way to travel
Mary Poppins does pop in
Magic umbrella**

Chapter 81: ARTISTIC COMMERCE



<https://pixabay.com/en/umbrellas-color-rain-cute-artistic-3716970/>

Artistic commerce
Pretty umbrella display
I want to buy one

Chapter 82: “YOU ARE ALWAYS IN MY HEART”



<https://pixabay.com/en/roses-heart-3700004/>

Written on a stake:
“You are always in my heart”
A vampire’s complaint

Chapter 83: AUTUMN



<https://pixabay.com/en/leaf-foliage-autumn-color-vein-3711194/>

**Now is the season
Brilliant colors and decay
Northern hemisphere**

Chapter 84: GOD IS AN IMPRESSIONIST



<https://pixabay.com/en/water-ripple-reflection-pond-3711257/>

Ripples on water
God is an Impressionist
Dappled reflection

Chapter 85: THE LAUGHING BUDDHA



<https://pixabay.com/en/buddha-shamanism-laugh-look-forward-231610/>

The Laughing Buddha

Eats lots of fried Chinese food

No wonder he laughs

NOTE: The Laughing Buddha is Hotei, not Siddhartha Gautama. Siddhartha Gautama is THE Buddha; Hotei became A Buddha by achieving enlightenment through Buddhist practice.

Chapter 86: DINING VERSUS EATING



<https://pixabay.com/en/pumpkin-soup-soup-hokkaido-soup-3645375/>

Enjoying the food
As opposed to the converse
Just taking on fuel

Chapter 87: WOMEN'S RUGBY



<https://pixabay.com/en/rugby-sport-rugby-union-girls-rugby-3718788/>

**Sugar and spice and
Everything nice, hard playing,
And muddy as hell**

Chapter 88: I WALK IN STILLNESS



<https://pixabay.com/en/pedestrian-walking-shadow-night-925850/>

**I walk in stillness
Of the night with time to think.
I don't think. I feel.**

Chapter 89: BEAUTY IN NATURE



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-lying-down-girl-in-the-park-2042581/>

Beauty in nature

The beauty is not hiding

Spend time in nature

Chapter 90: ATTRACT ATTENTION



<https://pixabay.com/en/portrait-people-woman-one-3036880/>

Attract attention

Dress like everyone's looking

Be a memory

Chapter 91: THE BLUES



<https://pixabay.com/en/sad-girl-girl-crying-sorrow-actress-1382940/>

I'm missing people
— the blues will do that to you —
I haven't met yet

Chapter 92: A SOCIAL IMPERATIVE



<https://pixabay.com/en/entertainment-party-the-drink-beer-3726013/>

**At a friend's party
A social imperative
To have a good time**

Chapter 93: NORTHERN HEMISPHERE AUTUMN CHANGE



<https://pixabay.com/en/terminalia-catappa-tree-branch-2137221/>

Change from green to red
Autumn change from hot to cold
Change from life to death

**Chapter 94: SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE AUTUMN
CHANGE**



<https://pixabay.com/en/orchid-flower-isolated-decoration-165218/>

Change from bare to buds
Autumn change from cold to hot
Change from death to life

Chapter 95: THE HURT IS OVER



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-hands-portrait-woman-beauty-2355915/>

**The hurt is over
I'm finally over you
Now the pain is gone**

Chapter 96: THE SKY IS CRYING



<https://pixabay.com/en/rain-rainy-weather-bad-weather-port-1479303/>

**The sky is crying
Radioactive tears fall
And now we are doomed**

Chapter 97: ISN'T THIS OBVIOUS?



<https://pixabay.com/en/gun-hands-black-weapon-man-crime-2227646/>

Isn't this obvious?

Do not take your guns to school

In USA, no

Chapter 98: THE BLUES ARE MY JAM



<https://pixabay.com/en/guy-man-people-dark-shadow-hands-2617866/>

**The blues are my jam
I'm cryin'. It feels so good
Music of my soul**

Chapter 99: YOU GOT TO BE DOWN



<https://pixabay.com/en/drummer-cymbals-drum-kit-drum-kit-1209672/>

**You got to be down
To know how good up can be
Message of the blues**

Chapter 100: MARY



<https://pixabay.com/en/virgin-mary-statue-child-jesus-2112654/>

Virgin and mother
Serenity and struggle
Her son is divine

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Ben Jonson's Volpone, or the Fox: A Retelling

Christopher Marlowe's Dido of Carthage: A Retelling

Christopher Marlowe's Doctor Faustus: Retellings of the 1604 A-Text and of the 1616 B-Text

Christopher Marlowe's The Massacre at Paris: A Retelling

Christopher Marlowe's Tamburlaine, Parts 1 and 2: Retellings

Dante's Inferno: A Retelling in Prose

Dante's Purgatory: A Retelling in Prose

Dante's Paradise: A Retelling in Prose

Dante's Divine Comedy: A Retelling in Prose

The Famous Victories of Henry V: A Retelling

From the Iliad to the Odyssey: A Retelling in Prose of Quintus of Smyrna's Posthomerica

The History of King Leir: A Retelling

Homer's Iliad: A Retelling in Prose

Homer's Odyssey: A Retelling in Prose

Jason and the Argonauts: A Retelling in Prose of Apollonius of Rhodes' Argonautica

John Ford's The Broken Heart: A Retelling

John Ford's 'Tis Pity She's a Whore: A Retelling

King Edward III: A Retelling

Tarlton's Jests: A Retelling

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APPENDIX B: ABOUT THE AUTHOR

It was a dark and stormy night. Suddenly a cry rang out, and on a hot summer night in 1954, Josephine, wife of Carl Bruce, gave birth to a boy — me. Unfortunately, this young married couple allowed Reuben Saturday, Josephine’s brother, to name their first-born. Reuben, aka “The Joker,” decided that Bruce was a nice name, so he decided to name me Bruce Bruce. I have gone by my middle name — David — ever since.

Being named Bruce David Bruce hasn’t been all bad. Bank tellers remember me very quickly, so I don’t often have to show an ID. It can be fun in charades, also. When I was a counselor as a teenager at Camp Echoing Hills in Warsaw, Ohio, a fellow counselor gave the signs for “sounds like” and “two words,” then she pointed to a bruise on her leg twice. Bruise Bruise? Oh yeah, Bruce Bruce is the answer!

Uncle Reuben, by the way, gave me a haircut when I was in kindergarten. He cut my hair short and shaved a small bald spot on the back of my head. My mother wouldn’t let me go to school until the bald spot grew out again.

Of all my brothers and sisters (six in all), I am the only transplant to Athens, Ohio. I was born in Newark, Ohio, and have lived all around Southeastern Ohio. However, I moved to Athens to go to Ohio University and have never left.

At Ohio U, I never could make up my mind whether to major in English or Philosophy, so I got a bachelor’s degree with a double major in both areas, then I added a Master of Arts degree in English and a Master of Arts degree in Philosophy. Yes, I have my MAMA degree.

Currently, and for a long time to come (I eat fruits and veggies), I am spending my retirement writing books such as *Nadia Comaneci: Perfect 10*, *The Funniest People in Dance*, *Homer’s Iliad: A Retelling in Prose*, and *William Shakespeare’s Othello: A Retelling in Prose*.