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Recommended Reading:

“Public Domain Images — What is allowed and what is not?” (Pixabay)

<https://pixabay.com/en/blog/posts/public-domain-images-what-is-allowed-and-what-is-4/>

Chapter 1: VOLTAIRE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/russia-st-petersburg-hermitage-1381260/>

Voltaire, humanist

Satiric intelligence

Clearly sees evil

NOTE: Voltaire wrote CANDIDE, a masterpiece of satire.

Chapter 2: HA NOI, VIETNAM



<https://pixabay.com/photos/ha-noi-vietnam-city-houses-road-4268529/>

Ha Noi, Vietnam

Here's a place for extroverts

Where's the greenery?

Chapter 3: THE SNOW QUEEN



<https://pixabay.com/photos/portrait-winter-cold-snow-woman-4270153/>

**She is the Snow Queen
Lightly clad in winter snow
Put a damn coat on!**

Chapter 4: CAT-CALLING REVENGE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/portrait-girl-studio-female-woman-4272325/>

**Man cat-calling me
From a roof. What can I do?
Knock the ladder down!**

Chapter 5: YUMS AND YUCKS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/tom-yum-kung-thailand-food-3335933/>

Do not yuck my yum
— Show some consideration —

Do not yum my yuck

Yums are subjective
— Don't yuck someone else's yum —
Yucks are subjective

Chapter 6: GOT TO DO YOUR BEST



<https://pixabay.com/photos/font-wall-woman-eyes-facebook-533232/>

**Got to do your best
Got a lot of best? That's great!
All the more to give!**

Chapter 7: THE SPEED OF MONEY



<https://pixabay.com/photos/woman-adult-people-money-3261425/>

**The speed of money
Must be remarkably fast
Folk run after it**

Chapter 8: DO THIS JUST FOR FUN



Source of (Altered) Photo:

<https://pixabay.com/photos/texture-background-face-woman-2914678/>

**Do this just for fun
Create an album cover
No album needed**

Chapter 9: IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO LIKE THIS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/emotions-person-woman-portrait-4275926/>

**We all must like this
Personality to spare
And cat ears to boot**

Chapter 10: COLOR PREJUDICE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/person-people-girl-portrait-woman-4267052/>

**Some things make no sense
I like purple, pink, red, and
Oh, yes, black and white**

Chapter 11: A BRIEF INTERRUPTION



https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:The_Earth_seen_from_Apollo_17.jpg

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Eternal nonexistence

Interrupted by this life

Let's enjoy this world

Chapter 12: A BRIEF BURST OF LIFE



<https://tinyurl.com/y422yqlh>

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a brief burst of life
time for interaction with
this wonderfulness

NOTE: Because of the low orbit of the camera, not all of the hemisphere can be seen.

Chapter 13: WHERE DO CLOUDS COME FROM?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/building-chimneys-clouds-coal-2058/>

Where do clouds come from?

Smoky industrial plants?

Cough. Cough. Cough. Cough. Cough.

Chapter 14: OLD ENOUGH TO DIE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/autumn-autumn-leaves-autumn-light-2182008/>

**Old enough to die
Maybe doctors will shut up
Let me die in peace**

NOTE: After age 70 (three score and ten years) or so, obituaries tend to list “natural causes” as the cause of death. (By the way, I’m not yet 70 years old, and I’m not yet ready to die.)

Chapter 15: FEMINIST



<https://pixabay.com/photos/painting-wall-bricks-2611922/>

**a conscious woman;
someone who's not a moron
or just an object**

Chapter 16: TEENAGER



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-portrait-young-woman-youth-4282303/>

**I'm a teenager
Why are you looking at me?
Resting murder face**

Chapter 17: A PUBLIC SERVICE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/lincoln-memorial-washington-dc-1809428/>

**a public service:
making our own lives into
lives of great value**

Chapter 18: A PRIVATE SERVICE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/meditation-stone-towers-stone-tower-2262835/>

**a private service:
making our own lives into
lives of great value**

Chapter 19: WHAT WOULD YOU HEAR?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/ear-auricle-listen-hearing-2372090/>

a cricket chirping
children playing or crying
a quarter dropping

NOTE: Some sounds we automatically pay attention to.

Chapter 20: A REAL BIG BOX



<https://pixabay.com/photos/cat-red-cat-kitten-house-pet-1999679/>

**If I were wealthy
I would own a real big box
I could crawl into**

NOTE: I would have a room with only a refrigerator box inside. I truly think that cats are onto something good with their boxes.

Chapter 21: THIS TOO SHALL PASS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/smartphone-face-woman-old-baby-1987212/>

**This bad time shall pass
All that happens now shall pass
This good time shall pass**

Chapter 22: CAN I MAKE THIS HEALTHIER?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/blueberries-oats-oatmeal-health-531209/>

I ask myself this

— Can I make this healthier? —

When I am cooking

NOTE: I really do this. For example, while cooking I will add flaxseed and cinnamon and cocoa to oatmeal and after cooking I will top it with blueberries.

Chapter 23: YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIND



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-flower-bed-flowers-bed-lying-828607/>

You've got to be kind

Be excellent to others

Make the world better

NOTE: A life of doing and receiving small kindnesses is a life that is likely to be happy.

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Chapter 24: I AM SO HAPPY



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-lying-relax-young-white-cute-511883/>

**I am so happy
Someone's paying attention
To me, only me**

Chapter 25: SYMBOL OF PURITY



<https://pixabay.com/photos/lotus-flower-nature-pink-pond-4266522/>

**In dirty water
The lotus produces a
Beautiful flower**

Chapter 26: TEMPORARY ART



<https://pixabay.com/photos/coffee-cafe-mug-decorative-drink-983955/>

Temporary art
In a drinkable format
Meant to be consumed

Chapter 27: COLLEGE WASTEFULNESS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/playmobil-toy-garbage-collector-771313/>

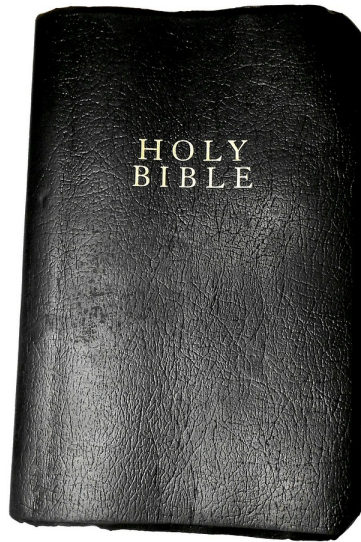
College wastefulness

Moving out? Just toss your stuff

Into a dumpster.

NOTE: Many students just toss good, usable stuff in a dumpster when they move out. If it's good and usable, place it by the dumpster, please, so someone can take it and use it or give it to someone who can. (Some kind students have done this with things like Keurig coffee makers.)

Chapter 28: TITLES CREATIVITY



<https://pixabay.com/photos/bible-holy-christianity-faith-book-70935/>

A creative prompt

Write alphabetic titles

A to Z for books

NOTE: Or alphabetic titles A to Z for songs, movies, short stories, plays, etc. You may come up with a few good ideas. By the way, the title HOLY BIBLE is already taken.

Chapter 29: WHO ELSE CAN YOU BE?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/person-woman-cap-masked-creepy-4292369/>

**Always be yourself
Makeup's a little extreme
But it works for you**

NOTE: The photograph is of a woman.

Chapter 30: ALWAYS BE YOURSELF?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/cool-person-relaxed-sunglasses-2649325/>

**Always be yourself?
If you can be Keanu,
Then be Mister Reeves**

Chapter 31: TWO ARTISTS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-woman-beauty-camera-media-4305560/>

**There are two artists
God and a photographer
Both work together**

NOTE: God is a sculptor of the female form.

Chapter 32: FLYING BICYCLIST



<https://pixabay.com/photos/cycling-bike-bmx-jump-man-4287588/>

Flying bicyclist

This would make a great sculpture

Weld it high in air

Chapter 33: EXTREME OLD AGE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/hands-folded-woman-old-finger-1209337/>

**Nothing can hurt worse!
All of my body organs
Say, "Here, hold my beer"**

Chapter 34: WAITING TO TALK TO A REAL PERSON



<https://pixabay.com/photos/business-smartphone-call-cell-phone-19148/>

**“We value your time
Someone will be with you soon”
And I wait, wait, wait**

Chapter 35: I REALLY WANT TO KNOW



<https://pixabay.com/photos/switzerland-sunrise-sun-landscape-4290226/>

Really want to know

— Where is the nearest Walmart? —

Really on my mind

Chapter 36: DAYDREAMING



<https://pixabay.com/photos/medications-antibiotics-lemon-4179317/>

Just eat a lemon
— Food ought to be medicine —
Cancer disappears

Chapter 37: WHAT I WANT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/rehabilitation-gang-floor-111391/>

**Long healthy early old age
Short unhealthy late old age
Dead before I hit the floor**

Chapter 38: TOO LATE TO DIE YOUNG



<https://pixabay.com/photos/face-portrait-man-elderly-984031/>

**Too late to die young
Can't say I'm disappointed
That I lack punk cred**

Chapter 39: EVERYTHING I WANT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/motorcycle-girl-beach-sunset-4310715/>

**Everything I want:
Motorcycle, beach, beauty.**

I can't enjoy these.

NOTE: "Why can't you enjoy these?"

"Because now I have to model."

Chapter 40: PRAYER



<https://pixabay.com/photos/praying-god-christianity-belief-2179326/>

**You know what we need
Now, then, soon; dead or alive
Please give it to us**

NOTE: And please help us to give You what You want.

Chapter 41: ACCEPT IT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girls-women-night-is-young-city-4308701/>

**Death is just a fact.
Accept it. Get used to it.
Get on with your life.**

Chapter 42: HELL



<https://pixabay.com/photos/files-paper-office-paperwork-stack-1614223/>

No meaningful work
Nothing to be accomplished
Nothing good to do

CHAPTER 43: DEATH COMES #1



<https://pixabay.com/photos/cutter-man-scythe-death-skeleton-2396318/>

**You can kiss my ass,
Death, because I love life and
I have things to do**

CHAPTER 44: DEATH COMES #2



<https://pixabay.com/photos/day-of-the-dead-colorful-make-up-1868836/>

Hi, there, you cutie!

Where have you been all my life?

I have been waiting

CHAPTER 45: DEATH COMES #3



<https://pixabay.com/photos/olive-tree-tree-olivier-old-nature-3579922/>

**I got way too old
Every night, I've been praying
To soon wake up dead**

Chapter 46: DO ANGELS EXIST?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/summer-little-girls-children-4318824/>

**Do angels exist?
Little girls certainly do
The answer is yes**

Chapter 47: YOUR LOOK



<https://pixabay.com/photos/woman-shopping-lifestyle-beautiful-4320328/>

**When your look is more
Important than the event
Go home and relax**

Chapter 48: NOT TODAY



<https://pixabay.com/photos/summer-little-girl-childhood-nature-4318827/>

**Today's a good day.
Not today, Death. Not today.
But someday's OK.**

**Today's a good day.
Not today, Death. Not today.
I have things to do.**

Chapter 49: EVERYONE KNOWS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/soap-bubble-child-girl-sunglasses-4315278/>

**Everyone knows this:
Life is better with bubbles
And a happy child**

Chapter 50: TOO REAL



<https://pixabay.com/photos/live-music-rock-show-concert-live-2219036/>

being there — too real?
just pull out your camera
now it's like TV

Chapter 51: CHRISTMAS PRESENTS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/stones-rocks-pebbles-tranquil-zen-167089/>

Mother lacks money

Needs perfect Christmas presents

Kid likes pretty rocks

NOTE: Someone on Reddit wrote about receiving rocks as Christmas presents. His single mother walked all over town looking for pretty rocks because she knew her son liked rocks. He was very happy to unwrap and receive the presents.

Chapter 52: SINGER-SONGWRITERS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/people-chord-guitar-hand-man-2943109/>

Singer-songwriters:

Steve Earle, Bruce Dalzell, John Prine

Are three of the best

NOTE: Check out their music on Amazon and YouTube.

Chapter 53: JUST ENOUGH MAKEUP



<https://pixabay.com/photos/whipped-cream-cake-face-people-814216/>

A little makeup

Not too much, or too little

Enough to hide flaws

NOTE: This particular makeup is rather crudely, but quickly, applied.

Chapter 54: UNENCUMBERED BY SUCCESS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/musician-country-song-banjo-ukulele-349790/>

Local musicians

Unencumbered by success

— the financial kind

NOTE: But many local musicians do have the respect and friendship of their fans.

Chapter 55: INTENSE INTEREST



<https://pixabay.com/photos/kids-girl-pencil-drawing-notebook-1093758/>

Intense interest

Intense living in the now

Not in the later

Chapter 56: THE NOW



<https://pixabay.com/photos/child-dandelion-kids-spring-nature-1347388/>

**Don't dwell on the past
It interferes with the now
I got things to do**

NOTE: Blowing dandelion fluff is one of those things.

Chapter 57: A PREDICTION



<https://pixabay.com/photos/wedding-couple-groom-bride-love-725432/>

**Best wishes to you
On a very happy day
Many more follow**

NOTE: The prediction came true for Victoria and her husband, one of whose wedding photos appears on the cover of this book.

Chapter 58: PERFECTION



<https://pixabay.com/photos/bow-arrow-child-boy-bow-and-arrow-929920/>

First, shoot the arrow

Then draw the arrow's target

Bull's-eye every time!

Chapter 59: WHAT IS HAPPENING?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/woman-beauty-fear-face-portrait-4331327/>

**What is happening?
I'm not sure, but I know that
Music does that to me**

Chapter 60: THANKS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/slums-india-poor-asia-street-2585307/>

**Hello, everyone,
Thanks for the thoughts and prayers.
How about some food?**

Chapter 61: A BEAUTIFUL IDEAL



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-woman-beauty-the-charm-of-the-4311926/>

Beautiful woman

Also the photog's ideal

Three hours' retouching

NOTE: Go to the webpage for the photo; in a note, the photographer Jerzy Gorecki writes that he typically spends three hours using Raw Therapee, Portrait PRO and GIMP on a portrait.

Chapter 62: BEACHWEAR



<https://pixabay.com/photos/spring-equinox-may-flowers-4335941/>

Typical beachwear

— mask, bouquet, high heels, and fan —

For the modern age?

Chapter 63: STEAMPUNK FASHION



<https://pixabay.com/photos/steampunk-parabank-cosplay-punk-4333359/>

**essence of steampunk:
vintage fashion homage with
modern, sassy twist**

Chapter 64: A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/london-skyscraper-the-scalpel-sky-3833039/>

**Looking at the sky:
A different perspective
That reveals beauty**

Chapter 65: CAPTURE A CLOUD



<https://pixabay.com/photos/sky-blue-paragliding-sport-4266141/>

Capture a cloud

Bring it to earth and make fog

Yes, low clouds are fog

Chapter 66: AVOIDING UNHAPPINESS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/beach-river-lake-park-reflection-4334141/>

What makes us happy?

Competence helps us so much

In work and leisure

NOTE: Competence in work skills and in life skills can help us avoid the pitfalls that lead to unhappiness.

Chapter 67: THE WAY TO HAPPINESS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/people-portrait-person-face-human-4333898/>

**The way to behave
Be kind, and do not be cruel
Let's all be happy**

Chapter 68: TEACH CHILDREN EARLY



<https://pixabay.com/photos/flower-field-child-photography-4339932/>

**Teach children early
To appreciate nature
And to make good art**

Chapter 69: WHEN HUMANS DIE OFF



<https://pixabay.com/photos/landscape-field-grass-sky-clouds-4344496/>

**When humans die off
Earth will be just fine
Maybe better than ever**

Chapter 70: UNTIL THE HEAT DEATH ...



<https://pixabay.com/photos/poor-india-poverty-people-culture-2382641/>

... of this universe
I will hate you for
Permitting this poverty

Chapter 71: UNTIL THE HEAT DEATH ...



<https://pixabay.com/photos/slums-india-poverty-support-faces-4317565/>

**... of this universe
I will hate you for
Permitting this poverty**

Chapter 72: LISTEN TO SILENCE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/nature-outdoor-sky-cloud-cloudy-3294543/>

**Listen to silence
It has nothing to say and
Is well worth hearing**

Chapter 73: AM I PRODUCTIVE?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/kid-soap-bubbles-child-fun-1241817/>

Am I productive?

See these bubbles in the air?

Guess what — I made those!

Chapter 74: SUPPOSE YOU WERE ALIVE DURING

...



<https://pixabay.com/photos/crying-baby-baby-face-expression-2708380/>

Civil Rights Movement

Slavery, or Holocaust ...

What would you do then?

NOTE: This is a 19 July 2019 tweet by Barbara Ehrenreich: “Text of a flyer handed out Wednesday at a local meeting about ICE and CBP atrocities: ‘if you’ve ever wondered what you’d do during slavery, the Holocaust or the civil rights movement, you’re doing it right now.’”

Chapter 75: BANDCAMP



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Athens, Ohio

Your profile has 37 views.

www.amazon.com/David-Bruce/e/B004KEZ7LY

Undiscovered songs

Some terrible, some quite good

Won't hear on Top 10

NOTE: This is my Bandcamp collection:

<https://bandcamp.com/bruce123>

Chapter 76: AM I LONELY?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/puppies-young-small-tender-group-4231472/>

**What are you asking?
Am I lonely? Impossible!
Not in my litter!**

Chapter 77: UNLESS YOU KNOW THEM



<https://pixabay.com/photos/portrait-studio-girl-nice-grey-487079/>

**Unless you know them
Cute women are nice to see
Hard to write about**

Chapter 78: NEVER BECAME FAMOUS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/bird-singer-singing-chirp-tweet-2119874/>

Never made money
Sang thousands of free concerts
No regrets at all

Chapter 79: RED, WHITE, AND BLUE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/bryansk-oblast-4101294/>

Perfect for a flag

— such as US, Russian flags —

Colors red white blue

NOTE: The photograph depicts the celebration of Victory Day in Russia, the day when Nazi Germany capitulated.

Chapter 80: BITE DOWN HARD



<https://pixabay.com/photos/man-stress-male-face-adult-young-742766/>

**Bite down hard and chew
When life gives you a lemon
Then make a sour face**

Chapter 81: AN ABSTRACT SCULPTURE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/electric-wires-electricity-cables-349813/>

**An abstract sculpture
Found in a museum? Nope
Just electric wires**

Chapter 82: MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY



<https://pixabay.com/photos/clown-mask-face-scary-grinning-238527/>

Make people happy

Show that you think about them

Give them a big smile

Chapter 83: THIS IS GOOD ADVICE?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/argument-conflict-controversy-238529/>

**This is good advice?
Never go to bed angry
Instead, fight it out**

Chapter 84: GO OUTSIDE!



<https://pixabay.com/illustrations/woman-keller-sexy-erotic-dark-2776710/>

No, you can't stay in!
Go outside! Be popular!
Go work on your tan!

Chapter 85: SO YOU'RE A SHADOW



<https://pixabay.com/photos/sand-woman-shadow-bikini-summer-4359026/>

**So you're a shadow
That doesn't mean that you can't
Be bikini-dressed**

Chapter 86: IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD



<https://pixabay.com/photos/young-people-dancers-girls-boy-4354283/>

Walking down the street

Minding my own happiness

Suddenly free joy

NOTE: A good flash-mob dance equals unexpected additional happiness.

Chapter 86: A GOOD BOOK

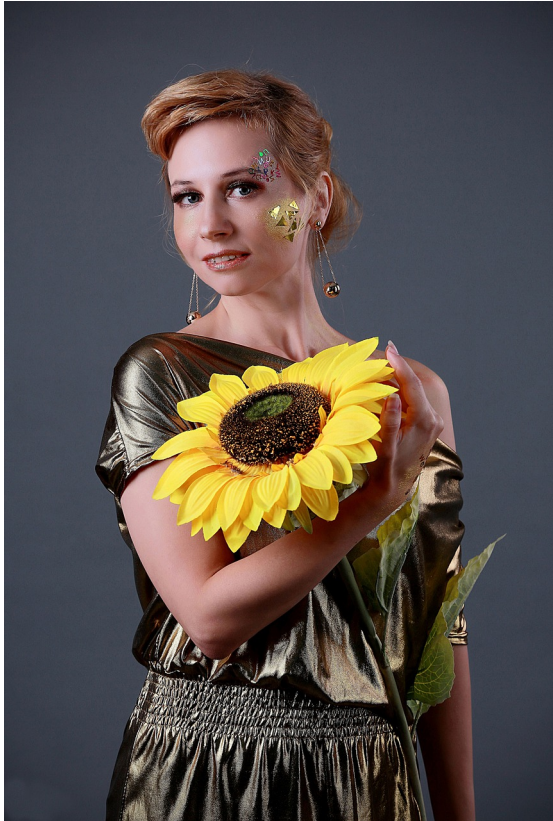


<https://pixabay.com/photos/portrait-fantasy-fantasy-portrait-4352745/>

**Must be a good book
Magic begins to happen
On an early page**

**What is she reading?
Scientific equations?
Those are magic, too**

Chapter 88: FEYSART



<https://pixabay.com/photos/sunflower-aqua-make-up-feysart-4365998/>

**Russian for face art
Sunflower is optional
But beauty is not**

Chapter 89: SUNRISE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-sitting-jetty-docks-sad-1822702/>

**Look at the sunrise!
It's one of my greatest works!
Are you seeing this?**

NOTE: Sorry, God. I'm still half-asleep.

Chapter 90: I HAVE A QUESTION



<https://pixabay.com/photos/diet-healthy-nutrition-vegetables-4363111/>

Healthy nutrition?

Yes. But I have a question:

How do I eat this?

Chapter 91: JOY IN OLD AGE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/the-old-lady-grandma-garden-3503684/>

**Joy in one's old age?
What causes it in her case?
Seeing green things grow.**

Chapter 92: REALLY? YOU PLANNED THAT!



<https://pixabay.com/photos/african-black-couch-curvey-cushions-3541794/>

Really? You planned that!
When God laughs at your best plans,
Be ready to change

Chapter 93: BE GOOD? BE BAD?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/skull-old-human-skull-profile-1692996/>

You die if you're good
— Yet the choice you make matters —
You die if you're bad

Chapter 94: I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE APOCALYPSE TO START



<https://pixabay.com/photos/automatic-kalashnikov-weapons-war-4374398/>

**Bring it on right now!
I want to try this fashion
And listen to punk**

NOTE: Why wait for the apocalypse to start? You look good like that, and we have good punk music now.

Chapter 95: SADNESS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/portrait-hat-girl-woman-4373381/>

**We need time to grieve
No need to “cure” with a pill
Life includes sad times**

**NOTE: Clinical depression is different from the sadness
I’m writing about here.**

Chapter 96: HARD ROCK PAKISTAN



<https://pixabay.com/photos/style-guitar-rock-fun-music-4366722/>

Hard rock Pakistan

You can rock out anywhere

Started in 'eighties

NOTE: Check out the Wikipedia article on Pakistani Rock:

[<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistani_rock>](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistani_rock)

Chapter 97: COFFEE TRANSFORMATION



<https://pixabay.com/illustrations/turn-on-turn-off-coffee-cup-1674873/>

Resting murder face

Sip of first cup of coffee

Resting happy face

Chapter 98: SHOES



<https://pixabay.com/photos/footwear-leather-oxford-shoes-1838767>

**Yes, I need these shoes
Yes, they are necessities
I have fourteen feet**

Chapter 99: REPELLENT BEAUTY



<https://pixabay.com/photos/attractive-alive-beautiful-beauty-4378274/>

**I can't repel you
With my beauty — I can with
My hostility**

Chapter 100: ZOMBIE KIDS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/portrait-candy-cotton-candy-child-4341559/>

**Eat only candy?
You will get sick and die and
become a zombie!**

NOTE: Or maybe that's just cotton candy on her face.

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***John Ford's The Broken Heart: A Retelling*, by David Bruce**

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***William Shakespeare's Measure for Measure: A Retelling in Prose*, by David Bruce**

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<https://www.amazon.com/William-Shakespeares-Measure-Retelling-Prose-ebook/dp/B00V7IRT9O>

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Ben Jonson's The Alchemist: A Retelling in Prose

<https://www.smashwords.com/books/view/731768>

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APPENDIX B: SOME BOOKS BY DAVID BRUCE

Retellings of a Classic Work of Literature

Ben Jonson's The Alchemist: A Retelling

Ben Jonson's Bartholomew Fair: A Retelling

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

Christopher Marlowe's Complete Plays: Retellings

Christopher Marlowe's Dido, Queen of Carthage: A Retelling

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

Christopher Marlowe's Edward II: A Retelling

Christopher Marlowe's The Massacre at Paris: A Retelling

Christopher Marlowe's The Rich Jew of Malta: A Retelling

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

Dante's Divine Comedy: A Retelling in Prose

Dante's Inferno: A Retelling in Prose

Dante's Purgatory: A Retelling in Prose

Dante's Paradise: 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

George Peele's The Arraignment of Paris: A Retelling

George Peele's The Old Wives' Tale: A Retelling

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 Love's Sacrifice: A Retelling

John Ford's Lover's Melancholy: A Retelling

John Ford's Perkin Warbeck: A Retelling

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

John Ford's The Queen: A Retelling

King Edward III: A Retelling

Robert Greene's Friar Bacon and Friar Bungay: A Retelling

Tarlton's Jests: A Retelling

The Trojan War and Its Aftermath: Four Ancient Epic Poems

Virgil's Aeneid: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's 5 Late Romances: Retellings in Prose

William Shakespeare's 10 Histories: Retellings in Prose

William Shakespeare's 11 Tragedies: Retellings in Prose

William Shakespeare's 12 Comedies: Retellings in Prose

William Shakespeare's 38 Plays: Retellings in Prose

William Shakespeare's 1 Henry IV, aka Henry IV, Part 1: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's 2 Henry IV, aka Henry IV, Part 2: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's 1 Henry VI, aka Henry VI, Part 1: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's 2 Henry VI, aka Henry VI, Part 2: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's 3 Henry VI, aka Henry VI, Part 3: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's All's Well that Ends Well: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's As You Like It: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's The Comedy of Errors: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Coriolanus: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Cymbeline: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Hamlet: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Henry V: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Henry VIII: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's King John: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's King Lear: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Love's Labor's Lost: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Macbeth: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Measure for Measure: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's The Merry Wives of Windsor: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Othello: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Pericles, Prince of Tyre: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Richard II: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Richard III: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's The Tempest: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Timon of Athens: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Titus Andronicus: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Troilus and Cressida: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's The Two Gentlemen of Verona: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's The Two Noble Kinsmen: A Retelling in Prose

William Shakespeare's The Winter's Tale: A Retelling in Prose

Children's Biography

Nadia Comaneci: Perfect Ten

Personal Finance

How to Manage Your Money: A Guide for the Non-Rich

Anecdote Collections

250 Anecdotes About Opera

250 Anecdotes About Religion

250 Anecdotes About Religion: Volume 2

250 Music Anecdotes

Be a Work of Art: 250 Anecdotes and Stories

The Coolest People in Art: 250 Anecdotes

The Coolest People in the Arts: 250 Anecdotes

The Coolest People in Books: 250 Anecdotes

The Coolest People in Comedy: 250 Anecdotes

Create, Then Take a Break: 250 Anecdotes

Don't Fear the Reaper: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Art: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Books: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Books, Volume 2: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Books, Volume 3: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Comedy: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Dance: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Families: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Families, Volume 2: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Families, Volume 3: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Families, Volume 4: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Families, Volume 5: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Families, Volume 6: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Movies: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Music: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Music, Volume 2: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Music, Volume 3: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Neighborhoods: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Relationships: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Sports: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Sports, Volume 2: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Television and Radio: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People in Theater: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People Who Live Life: 250 Anecdotes

The Funniest People Who Live Life, Volume 2: 250 Anecdotes

The Kindest People Who Do Good Deeds, Volume 1: 250 Anecdotes

The Kindest People Who Do Good Deeds, Volume 2: 250 Anecdotes

Maximum Cool: 250 Anecdotes

The Most Interesting People in Movies: 250 Anecdotes

The Most Interesting People in Politics and History: 250 Anecdotes

The Most Interesting People in Politics and History, Volume 2: 250 Anecdotes

The Most Interesting People in Politics and History, Volume 3: 250 Anecdotes

The Most Interesting People in Religion: 250 Anecdotes

The Most Interesting People in Sports: 250 Anecdotes

The Most Interesting People Who Live Life: 250 Anecdotes

The Most Interesting People Who Live Life, Volume 2: 250 Anecdotes

Reality is Fabulous: 250 Anecdotes and Stories

Resist Psychic Death: 250 Anecdotes

Seize the Day: 250 Anecdotes and Stories

APPENDIX C: 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*.