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Recommended Reading:

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

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Chapter 1: NO MAKEUP



<https://pixabay.com/photos/no-make-up-without-makeup-natural-4375964/>

**If wearing makeup
Would make you happy, wear it
But you don't need it**

Chapter 2: ABSTINENCE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/maria-holy-maria-mother-of-god-1592567/>

Does abstinence work?

Just ask the Virgin Mary.

“Mary, it’s a boy!”

NOTE: Yes, it works nowadays as long as you stay abstinent. Staying abstinent can be a problem.

Chapter 3: NO ONE'S FAULT BUT MINE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/alone-benches-blue-jeans-boy-casua-3468379/>

**No one's fault but mine
I know I'm guilty, so let
My sins die with me**

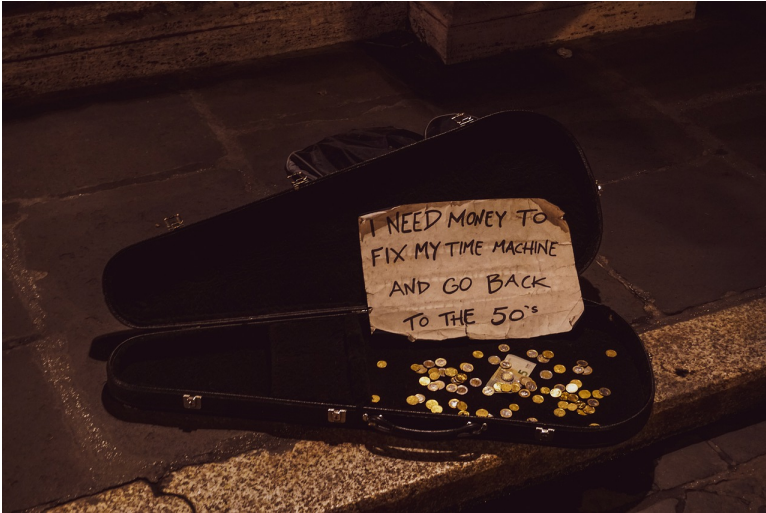
Chapter 4: NOT TODAY, DEATH



<https://pixabay.com/photos/flower-life-crack-desert-drought-887443/>

**I'm still colorful.
Not today, death, not today.
Is this all you got?**

Chapter 5: FIFTIES MUSIC



<https://pixabay.com/photos/guitar-artist-street-music-4287674/>

Fifties music fan
Beginnings of rock music
Doo wop thrived big time

Chapter 6: OFFERINGS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/boy-monument-moon-money-loneliness-4359779/>

Quite a good idea
— Money and food offerings —
Poor get money, food

Chapter 7: BEST THING IN THE WORLD?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-woman-female-lady-attractive-791686/>

Best thing in the world?

It's amazing competence

Paired with good morals

NOTE: Examples

[Rick Beato: KATY PERRY VS. FLAME LAWSUIT: Let's Compare! \(YouTube\)](#)

[Adam Neely: Why the Katy Perry lawsuit makes no sense \(YouTube\)](#)

Chapter 8: A REALLY SAD SIGHT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/three-wheeler-tricycle-trike-locked-336700/>

A chained tricycle

Who would steal a toddler's trike?

A really sad sight

Chapter 9: CAREFUL!



<https://pixabay.com/photos/sunshine-girl-summer-happy-sunny-4381693/>

Balance carefully!
Walking on the planet Earth
Careful! Don't fall off!

Chapter 10: “PRIDE”



<https://tinyurl.com/y253ljcr>

**I am getting old
I can remember our flag
Flying at full-staff**

NOTE: It’s kind of hard to be proud when your flag is always flying at half-staff if you know what I mean and I think you do. (Joe Bob Briggs originated the joke “if you know what I mean and I think you do.”

Chapter 11: WHY LIVE?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/samba-carnaval-carnival-rio-davina-4393642/>

Happiosity

Festive costumes and gorgeous women

Why live? Carnival

NOTE: Plus you can make garlic toast whenever you want.

Chapter 12: COOLNESS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girls-green-plants-models-lookbook-4390074/>

To a great extent

— It is best to be just you —

It seems arbitrary

**NOTE: Bruce Springsteen cool and Billy Joel not cool?
Why? Both have good songs.**

**Chapter 13: FREE TO BE WHATEVER YOU WANT
TO BE**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/elf-magic-the-enchantress-princess-3734593/>

**Want total freedom?
Then be a model/actor
Be any person**

**NOTE: In this photo, Russian model Victoria
Borodinoва is an elf.**

Chapter 14: 2016-2020



<https://pixabay.com/illustrations/skull-bone-head-skeleton-3d-model-1557446/>

Presidential skull

What is possibly in there?

An echo chamber

Chapter 15: FREE MUSIC



<https://pixabay.com/photos/sculpture-bronze-the-listening-2209152/>

Support musicians

No free shoes? No free music!

Just buy a ticket

**NOTE: Music should be free when shoes are free ...
unless the musician wants to perform for free.**

Chapter 16: LOOKING FORWARD



<https://pixabay.com/photos/coffee-jacket-hands-girl-heat-4372724/>

Don't like summer heat
Looking forward to autumn's
Hot drinks, warm clothing

Chapter 17: KIDS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/umbrella-puddle-kid-baby-kids-boy-2863648/>

Splashing in puddles

US kids and Russian kids

Are so much alike

NOTE: The boy is Russian model Victoria Borodinoва's son.

Chapter 18: BEAUTIFUL ADVERTISING



<https://pixabay.com/photos/woman-shopping-travel-color-window-4335235/>

**If you do not know
What it means, advertising
Can be beautiful**

Chapter 19: SHRIMP



<https://pixabay.com/photos/buffet-row-fresh-food-gourmet-2736313/>

**I can say, “Don’t get
Between me and the shrimp” in
Seven languages**

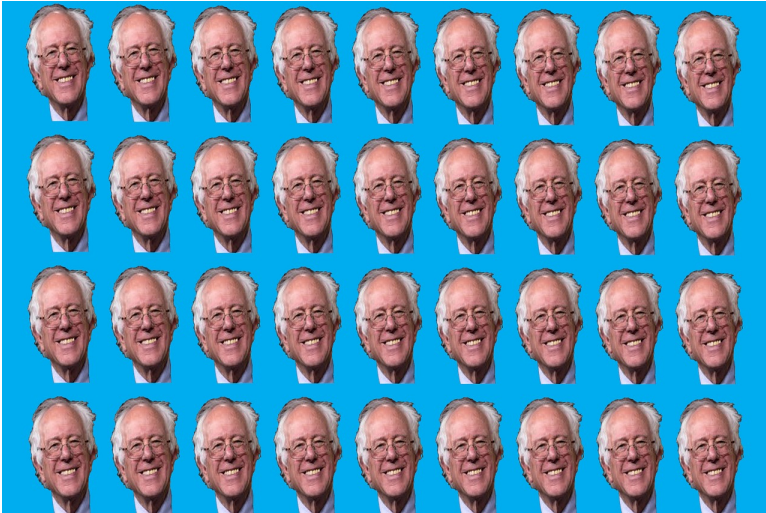
Chapter 20: ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET



<https://pixabay.com/photos/antipasti-buffet-delicious-dinner-757906/>

Personal challenge
Enemy to my waistline
I'll eat MORE this time

Chapter 21: BERNIE SANDERS



<https://pixabay.com/illustrations/bernie-sanders-background-texture-1274425/>

For or against him?

Me? I vote for Democrats

I am against him

NOTE: Bernie is an Independent who seeks a D after his names for elections.

Chapter 33: DONALD TRUMP



<https://pixabay.com/photos/chicken-hen-poultry-rump-butt-3607863/>

**It's really true! A
puckered orange sphincter muscle
doubles as Trump's mouth**

**NOTE: Guardian columnist Lucy Mangan wrote this:
"The 12,000th provable untruth out of the puckered
orange sphincter muscle that doubles as Donald
Trump's mouth is recorded this day."**

**Lucy Mangan: *Friends* is social history – when young
people bought coffee without guilt**

Chapter 23: CITY OF THE FUTURE



<https://pixabay.com/illustrations/venice-bridge-boats-water-river-4406504/>

Venice, Italy

Because of global warming

City of the future

**NOTE: A century from now, this will be Tampa,
Florida.**

Chapter 24: STRESSING VERSUS RELAXING



<https://pixabay.com/illustrations/stress-relaxation-relax-voltage-391654/>

Stress versus relax?

Nothing to do is not good

Take the middle road

NOTE: Some stress in your life is good. Having too much you have to do each day is bad. Having nothing you have to do each day is bad.

Chapter 25: NOT PRISTINE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/mood-nature-river-water-flow-1335737/>

**This is not pristine
Humankind has made its marks
Not all natural**

NOTE: And yet balancing stones is a form of meditation, a way of focusing and quieting the mind.

Chapter 26: BE A FRIEND



<https://pixabay.com/photos/woman-date-coffee-love-girl-2937191/>

**hate is stupid, and
friendship is so much better
better be a friend**

Chapter 27: WELCOME, COOL WEATHER



<https://pixabay.com/photos/fly-agaric-mushroom-2817723/>

**A hint of autumn
We can sleep comfortably
With open windows**

Chapter 28: DAMNED



<https://pixabay.com/photos/buddhist-hell-thailand-religion-2123927/>

**You're damned if you do
— do evil and don't do good —
You're damned if you don't**

NOTE: We need to at least attempt to do good.

RECOMMENDED READING

<https://davidbruceblog.wordpress.com/2015/04/16/where-do-the-neutral-and-the-uncommitted-go-in-the-afterlife/>

Chapter 29: I WANT MY MONEY BACK



<https://pixabay.com/photos/admission-coupon-admit-carnival-2974645/>

Didn't even go
But I want my money back
Some things be like that

NOTE: Just hearing about some events makes me want my money back even if I didn't buy a ticket.

Chapter 30: STAY YOUNG FOREVER?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/skin-eye-iris-blue-older-fold-3358873/>

Stay young forever?

I have some breaking-down news

But you are still you

NOTE: Good news among the bad! Old you is still you.

RECOMMENDED READING:

[Suzanne Moore: Why does no one ever tell you how brilliant ageing can be?](#)

(Guardian)

Chapter 31: MY PSYCHIC POWER



<https://pixabay.com/photos/priest-priestess-wizard-witch-2833384/>

I am a psychic

With complete accuracy

How do I do it?

NOTE: Each morning I sit down at the breakfast table and look at what is on my plate. Then I predict what I will eat for breakfast.

Chapter 32: NO BIKE RIDING NOW



<https://pixabay.com/photos/beverage-cold-drink-fruit-glass-1851261/>

**Hot summer weather
No bike riding for this boy
Oh, how I miss it!**

Chapter 33: BIKE-RIDING SEASON



<https://pixabay.com/photos/bicycle-cycling-sports-bike-travel-589955/>

**Weather starts to cool
Bike riding now possible
Oh, how I missed it!**

Chapter 34: THREE NEW THINGS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/pylon-poly-dance-pole-twine-girl-4422599/>

**Each night list three things
You learned today. One can be:
Learned a new pole dance**

Chapter 35: THE WAY I WANT TO LIVE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/sky-clouds-outdoors-scenic-49520/>

**Live the way you want
— Be invisible and fly —
Not the way you're told**

**NOTE: Have you ever seen me fly? No? That's because
I was invisible.**

Chapter 36: RETIREMENT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/bodensee-lake-older-person-the-pier-4403889/>

**Time is for playing.
You choose what you do with it.
You choose your pleasure.**

Chapter 37: A GOOD DATE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/venice-carnevale-costume-carnival-2092594/>

**This is a good date
Nonconforming folks have fun
He and she seem nice**

Chapter 38: GRIEF



<https://pixabay.com/photos/hug-sadness-comfort-grief-sad-1315552/>

**Able to feel grief?
Then you are able to lead
A meaningful life**

Chapter 39: NO EFFORT, NO COMMITMENT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/people-woman-rally-protest-unite-2575608/>

It takes an effort
— No effort, no commitment —
To be committed

Chapter 40: DON'T ASSUME MALICE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/sword-man-weapon-figure-male-4335918/>

**Don't assume malice
Very often you'll find out
It's incompetence**

Chapter 41: WHAT CAN A DOLLAR BUY?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/bank-note-dollar-us-dollar-941246/>

A dollar buys what?

A few sips of coffee, or

A life-changing song

NOTE: You can improve the quality of your life by buying Bruce Dalzell's MIMI'S MANDOLIN for 99 cents (plus tax) on Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.com/My-Athens-Past-Bruce-Dalzell/dp/B004IXI62O>

Chapter 42: OOPS!



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girls-posing-laughter-laugh-4448933/>

**We wore the same dress
But it is not a problem
We both have good taste**

Chapter 43: TRUTH



<https://pixabay.com/photos/justitia-goddess-goddess-of-justice-2638601/>

**Tell it like it is
Don't tell it like it isn't
Speak words of wisdom**

Chapter 44: TRUMP'S *MODUS OPERANDI*



<https://pixabay.com/photos/trump-president-usa-america-flag-2546104/>

Declare victory

— Trump's *modus operandi* —

And then surrender

Chapter 45: PREVIEW OF PARADISE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/california-poppy-orange-girl-meadow-4453307/>

Sitting in beauty

Surrounded by orange poppies

Paradise preview

Chapter 46: GOTTA GO — BUT NOT YET



<https://pixabay.com/photos/cheers-beverage-drink-booze-839865/>

**We are all going to die
Someday. Today? I doubt it
Let's celebrate life**

Chapter 47: OOPS!



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-young-woman-female-portrait-4459401/>

**It's embarrassing
Forgot to finish dressing
It happens sometimes**

NOTE: She doesn't seem embarrassed, but I would be.

Chapter 48: USE IT OR LOSE IT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/zen-garden-meditation-monk-stones-2040340/>

Use it or lose it

Applies to much, including

Writing good haiku

Chapter 49: FIND YOUR HAPPINESS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/cap-earrings-madamakeup-stylist-4482708/>

Nurture the good parts

Set aside the ugly parts

Find your happiness

Chapter 50: IS THIS POSSIBLE?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/wild-flowers-flowers-plant-macro-571940/>

Is this possible?

Heaven is gardens on Earth

Cultivate gardens

NOTE: The gardens can be literal or metaphorical. A good song can be a three-minute garden of Heaven. A permanent Heaven may exist in the afterlife, but three-minute Heavenly gardens certainly exist here on Earth.

Chapter 51: GOOD THINGS COME IN TWOS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/people-couple-man-guy-woman-2595862/>

**Good things come in twos
Eyes, bottles of beer, breasts, and
Room for two in bed**

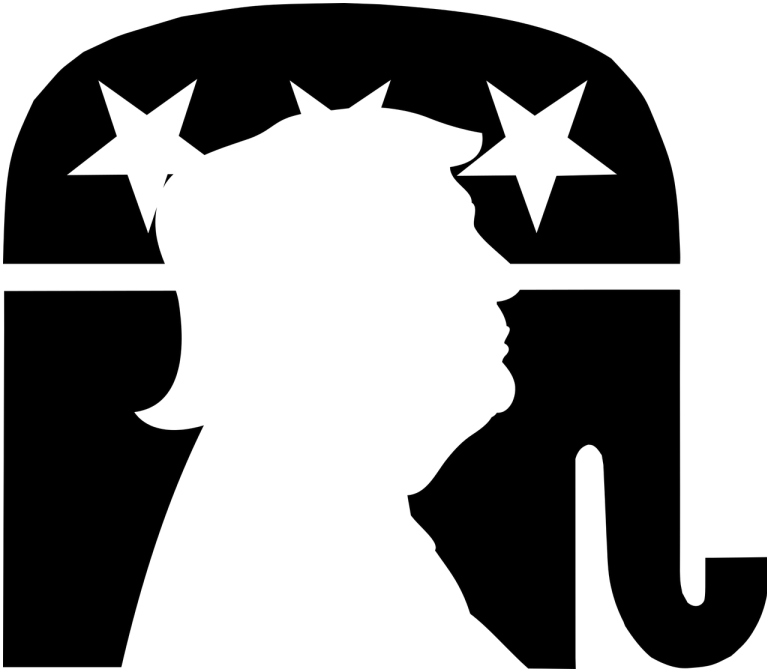
Chapter 52: GO START A BAND



<https://pixabay.com/photos/guitar-bass-guitar-musician-4042253/>

Learn a music chord
Learn another and one more
Now go start a band

Chapter 53: IDIOTS IDIOTING



<https://pixabay.com/vectors/president-donald-trump-gop-famous-3166216/>

Washington D.C,

Idiots idioting

Impeach Donald Trump!

NOTE: The phrase “idiots idioting” come from

[Ted Rall: “Billionaires Who Promise to Save Journalism and Then Default: It Ought to Be a Crime”](#)

Chapter 54: AUTUMN MEAL



<https://pixabay.com/photos/food-eat-diet-peanut-butter-jelly-2202381/>

Hot tomato soup
Peanut butter and jelly
Oh so perfect meal

Chapter 55: THE HELL WITH



<https://pixabay.com/illustrations/donald-trump-politician-america-1547274/>

**The hell with fascism
Bigotry, paranoia,
And fools who love lies**

Chapter 56: AUTUMN IS COMING



<https://pixabay.com/photos/portrait-people-girl-scarf-autumn-4512631/>

Autumn is coming

Watch out for falling leaves

And pretty women

NOTE: “Watch out” has two meanings here; only one is a warning.

Chapter 57: I LIKE YOU AT FIRST SIGHT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-young-person-female-blonde-4511458/>

What's your middle name?

Who's your favorite singer?

So, want to go out?

**Chapter 58: ABANDON ALL HOPE, YOU WHO
ENTER HERE**



<https://pixabay.com/photos/human-silhouette-the-door-to-hell-1725041/>

**Through the gates to Hell
Unrepentant sinners pass
God smiles on horror**

Chapter 59: GROOVY



<https://pixabay.com/photos/kids-girl-skateboard-sports-health-3448161/>

“Groovy” became “cool”

“Cool” then got replaced by “swag”

What word will come next?

NOTE: She’s from Poland, so maybe “Polish” will be the new “swag”?

Chapter 60: VOILA!



<https://pixabay.com/illustrations/vase-still-life-flowers-watercolor-4513495/>

**Some watercolors,
Paper, a creative mind —
Voila! An artwork!**

Chapter 61: RISK



<https://pixabay.com/photos/risk-word-letters-boggle-game-1945683/>

Prohibit failure?

Then you kill innovation

Risk can pay off well

Chapter 62: HAPPY AND SAD



<https://pixabay.com/photos/musician-guitar-cap-man-guy-3564169/>

Both happy and sad:

More music than I can

Listen closely to

NOTE: I listen to a lot of music, but much of the time I listen to it while working on my computer. I am happy there is so much good music, but I am sad because I need more time to listen to it closely.

Chapter 63: MONEY OVER HAPPINESS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/red-wine-glasses-log-fire-red-wine-2443699/>

Gotta make money

Why aren't we living better?

Lost time, lost money

NOTE: Too many of us choose to monetize our time, which means that we are prioritizing money over happiness. Driving an Uber will make us money, but staying at home may make us happy. Unfortunately, too many of us are forced to monetize what ought to be our spare time.

Chapter 64: NO MONEY HERE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/graffiti-artist-graffiti-art-1380106/>

Ain't no money here

No contracts, auctions, agents

It's about the art

Chapter 65: AUDIENCE SIZE DON'T MATTER



<https://pixabay.com/photos/musician-rockstar-band-music-rock-664432/>

Audience of two?

You either play your ass off

Or don't play at all

**NOTE: So what if only two people want to hear you!
Either play your ass off or go home and stay there.**

Chapter 66: WOMAN WALKING ALONE AT NIGHT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/architecture-building-infrastructure-2597023/>

Girl walking alone

Strange man walking behind her

Girl runs into store

NOTE: Innocent men know this happens and they know why it happens. Many men are careful to walk slowly when walking behind a woman at night to ensure that space remains between the man and the woman.

Chapter 67: DON'T



<https://pixabay.com/illustrations/don-t-even-think-about-it-reminder-1432948/>

DON'T

Sneer at small gestures.

Sneer at good politicians.

Sneer at small children.

Chapter 68: WE DON'T TAKE TIME



<https://pixabay.com/photos/success-business-woman-career-jump-2697951/>

Take time to relax

Take time to work at nothing

Take time to not try

Chapter 69: THE DAYS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/candle-smoke-wick-flame-burn-mood-4215628/>

**The days pass slowly
Then the last and final day
Comes in a hurry**

Chapter 70: FREE FERTILIZER



<https://pixabay.com/photos/park-bench-autumn-wood-foliage-4549410/>

Good for planet Earth

Fallen leaves: Nature's litter

Decomposable

NOTE: Many people bag and throw away fallen leaves. Try raking them in a pile and mowing them into tiny pieces for free fertilizer for your yard.

Chapter 71: A TRUE COMPLIMENT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/barbecue-bbq-grill-meat-hot-dogs-699153/>

A true compliment:

“You’re cooler than a hot dog,”

A six-year-old said.

Chapter 72: CAN MONEY MAKE YOU FREE?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/tears-crying-tear-pain-injustice-4551435/>

**Money makes you free
In some ways, not in others
Demons still exist**

NOTE: It's nice not to have to worry about bills, but other problems must still be dealt with.

Chapter 73: SWEETHEARTS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/couple-married-family-sweethearts-4522553/>

**Many people love.
Not every relationship
Is “me, too” bad stuff.**

Chapter 74: A DEATHBED QUESTION



<https://pixabay.com/photos/fall-foliage-moss-tree-autumn-1913485/>

Only a fraction

— So what did you accomplish? —

Of what I could have

NOTE: And yet what we accomplish is often enough.

Chapter 75: PREFERENCE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/art-man-person-test-tube-drugs-2968627/>

**Never been partial
To cruelty, ignorance, and/
Or assholery**

Chapter 76: BUY YOURSELF FLOWERS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/roses-background-flower-delivery-3986616/>

**buy yourself flowers
whenever you damn well like
— it's your life and cash**

NOTE: Inspired by elleguyence:

<https://elleguyence.wordpress.com/2019/10/20/108/>

Chapter 77: DOING WHAT'S WORTHWHILE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/hourglass-time-hours-clock-620397/>

**doing what's worthwhile
that's the best use of our time
this can be hard work**

**NOTE: Doing what's worthwhile can also be fun:
appreciating nature and art.**

Chapter 78: IT'S CALLED ACTING



<https://pixabay.com/photos/tears-crying-tear-pain-injustice-4551435/>

Happily married

And has two wonderful sons

Her life is happy

NOTE: One of Victoria Borodino's strengths as a model is that she does many different kinds of photos with different moods. Many models just look pretty. Victoria does much more than just look pretty.

Chapter 79: JOKER



<https://pixabay.com/photos/clown-halloween-joker-jester-4557864/>

Good sense of color
As terrifying as Trump
Makes an impression

Chapter 80: OLD AGE TO-DO LIST



<https://pixabay.com/photos/bathroom-bad-toilet-bathroom-sink-1228427/>

**Things I do often:
I check my urine for blood
And my feces, too**

Chapter 81: SOLUTIONS THAT WORK



<https://pixabay.com/illustrations/bridge-forest-pond-river-lake-4577566/>

Solutions that work
You can't be there in person?
Then be there in art!

Chapter 82: THINGS I'D LIKE TO BE



<https://pixabay.com/photos/girl-autumn-nature-leaves-portrait-4570763/>

Effortlessly cool
Comfortable in my skin
Absolutely singular

Convention breaker
Smasher of evil idols
Co-conspirator

Chapter 83: THINGS I'D LIKE TO BE #2



<https://pixabay.com/photos/portrait-girl-model-person-1925417/>

Talker to strangers

The first at doing good deeds

A nonstop reader

Nature enjoyer

Never-eat-alone diner

Funny joke teller

Chapter 84: A REALLY GOOD NEW SONG



<https://pixabay.com/photos/sexy-portrait-feelings-sensuality-4577938/>

**This girl just now heard
A really good new song for
Only her first time**

Chapter 85: BANDCAMP



<https://pixabay.com/photos/musician-guitar-cap-man-guy-3564169/>

**Do check out Bandcamp
To find some good new music
Lots of it is there**

NOTE: Check out <<https://bandcamp.com>>.

Chapter 86: WILL IT GET GOOD SOON?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/audience-crowd-people-persons-828584/>

Will it get good soon?

We ask that about many

Books, movies, songs, poems

NOTE: Fortunately, some works of art are good from beginning to end.

Chapter 87: THREE-MINUTE PREVIEWS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/concert-crowd-audience-people-768722/>

**Three-minute previews
of Paradise. Go seek them.
Some really good songs.**

**NOTE: This Russian cover of Kermit the Frog's
greatest hit is one of those three-minute previews for
me:**

<https://bronikoni.bandcamp.com/track/rainbow-connection-russian-cover>

Chapter 88: NOT ON RADIO?



<https://pixabay.com/photos/ghettoblaster-radio-recorder-boombox-1452077/>

Not on radio?

That's a feature, not a bug

Good music exists

NOTE: So much music on the radio follows formulas. That's OK — until the formulas get old. Consider listening to local music and self-published music because much of it is good. But listen to whatever you like, even if it's Top 20.

Chapter 89: JUMPING TO MISTAKES



<https://pixabay.com/photos/desperate-sad-depressed-feet-hands-2293377/>

**People aren't boring
Boring girls are not boring
You just don't know them**

Chapter 90: SELLING OUT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/audience-band-celebration-concert-1867754/>

**I want to sell out
guess I'll keep my indie cred
since there's no buyers**

Chapter 91: JUST ANOTHER DAY IN 'MURICA



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

Seventeen kids killed

Attending a US school

Just another day

**NOTE: Be sure to send your kids to school.
Absenteeism is frowned upon.**

Chapter 92: IF IT CONSTANTLY HAPPENS AND NO ONE DOES ANYTHING, IT MUST BE OK (satire)



<https://pixabay.com/photos/flag-united-states-usa-symbol-688446/>

How could it be wrong?

— Killing kids is no big crime —

It happens in schools

NOTE: Cigarettes must be good for you: You can buy them everywhere.

Chapter 93: CUTENESS APPLICATORS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/dog-cat-puppy-kitten-animals-2425528/>

**Puppies and kittens
Are cuteness applicators
Bundles of pure joy**

Chapter 94: TWO MINDS, BOTH IMPORTANT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/harmony-relax-rock-moqui-stone-1229893/>

Spiritual mind

— Which is the mind you feed most? —

Material mind

Chapter 95: FEELING DIFFERENT



<https://pixabay.com/photos/odd-socks-sock-different-socks-4424190/>

**I feel different
From other people sometimes
As do all of us**

Chapter 96: MOST OF THE TIME



<https://pixabay.com/photos/gun-hands-black-weapon-man-crime-1678989/>

**If you use your gun,
You won't have to use your brain
But you'll wish you did**

Chapter 97: OPTIMISM OR PESSIMISM?



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**Once there was one brief
Moment when not everything
Totally sucked [*]ss**

Chapter 98: GO-TO MODEL



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**Most models just look
Pretty and that's all they do
Some do so much more**

NOTE: Victoria Borodina is my go-to Pixabay model because she is pretty but does so much more than look pretty.

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Chapter 99: THIS IS A MOMENT



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**This is a moment
Moments are all we can have**

This is a moment

NOTE: Take away moments, and nothing is left.

Chapter 100: A HARD TRUTH



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**A truth I don't want:
I've forgotten half my life.
Was it important?**

NOTE: Some of the smallest moments are the most important, and we have forgotten them.

APPENDIX A: SOME WEBSITES

Free eBooks by David Bruce (pdfs)

<https://davidbruceblog.wordpress.com/about-the-blogger/>

Dante Books and Links

<https://davidbrucemusic.wordpress.com/dante-books-and-links/>

Free Kindness Books (pdfs)

<https://cosplayvideos.wordpress.com/kindness-books/>

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<https://davidbrucemusic.wordpress.com>

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davidbruceblog #2

<https://davidbrucemusic.wordpress.com>

davidbruceblog #3

<https://cosplayvideos.wordpress.com>

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 The Devil is an Ass: 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 The Fancies, Chaste and Noble: A Retelling

John Ford's The Lady's Trial: A Retelling

John Ford's The Lover's Melancholy: A Retelling

John Ford's Love's Sacrifice: A Retelling

John Ford's Perkin Warbeck: A Retelling

John Ford's The Queen: A Retelling

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

John Ford: Eight Plays Translated into Modern English

King Edward III: A Retelling

The Merry Devil of Edmonton: 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 Comedy*, *Homer’s Iliad: A Retelling in Prose*, and *William Shakespeare’s Hamlet: A Retelling in Prose*.

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