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**“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/>

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## Chapter 1: TITLE



<https://pixabay.com/en/book-letter-word-text-reading-3356154/>

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**Your cold corpse is found**

**A book is in your pocket**

**What is its title?**

## Chapter 2: LIGHTNING



<https://pixabay.com/en/lightning-storm-199651/>

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**A flash of lightning!**

**A moment of lightening**

**Followed by darkness**



## Chapter 3: SEASONS



<https://pixabay.com/en/rhododendron-rhododendron-buds-3406524/>

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**Petals bloom and fall**  
**Followed by summer's full growth**  
**And autumn's decline**

**Chapter 4: “THE EMPEROR HAS NO CLOTHES!”**



<https://pixabay.com/en/cyprus-ayia-napa-water-world-greek-1969895/>

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**Fine day for parade**

**“The Emperor has no clothes!”**

**“Arrest that kid — now!”**

## Chapter 5: THE SOUND OF SUMMER



<https://pixabay.com/en/cricket-insect-macro-nature-796465/>

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**The chirp of crickets**  
**This is the sound of summer**  
**Autumn is coming**

## Chapter 6: FASHION OF THE PAST



<https://pixabay.com/en/woman-bust-sculpture-marble-white-3409691/>

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**Fashion of the past**

**So, is this dress too low-cut?**

**Or is it perfect?**

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**NOTE: Designed by God, it's perfect.**

## Chapter 7: BEST PLACE FOR A WRITER



<https://pixabay.com/en/polynesia-french-polynesia-tahiti-3021072/>

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**A writer's best place?**

**Not a place of great beauty**

**Just a boring wall**

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**NOTE: When in a place of great beauty, don't write; instead, look at the great beauty. If you want to write, put your computer in front of a boring wall.**

## Chapter 8: WISH



<https://pixabay.com/en/beverage-brewed-calm-cappuccino-3410887/>

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**someone, savor me  
exactly like she savors  
this cup of coffee**



## **Chapter 9: NO ENLIGHTENMENT**

**(After Matsuo Bashō)**



<https://pixabay.com/en/dark-lightning-mountain-nature-1836972/>

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**Lightning bolt flashes**  
**Enlightenment? Not ready**  
**Welcome dark returns**

## Chapter 10: SO LIVE LIKE A WOLF EATS



<https://pixabay.com/en/beautiful-woman-smiling-3412831/>

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**Age replaces youth**

**Wrinkles appear and breasts droop**

**Death knocks down the door**

**Chapter 11: AHH!**  
**(After Matsuo Bashō)**



<https://pixabay.com/en/flower-peony-blossom-bloom-spring-3418850/>

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**The ‘ahh’-ness of things**  
**Experience them themselves**  
**No poem is needed**

## **Chapter 12: WELCOME REST**

**(After Matsuo Bashō)**



<https://pixabay.com/en/moon-clouds-night-sky-dark-1054721/>

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**Beautiful full moon  
So much beauty is tiring  
Clouds give welcome rest**

## Chapter 13: IMAGE



<https://pixabay.com/en/fashion-person-woman-young-charm-3157027/>

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**Image we project**

**Often not reality**

**Causes discontent**

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**NOTE: With social media, many people become models and actors, presenting themselves always at their best. Others can look at that and feel envy, but all of us are flawed.**

## Chapter 14: THE WORK OF NEWBORNS



<https://pixabay.com/en/twins-newborns-girls-3421891/>

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**Both of us have jobs  
We have the jobs of newborns  
We eat and we sleep**



## **Chapter 15: GETTYSBURG, PA**

**(After Matsuo Bashō)**



<https://pixabay.com/en/dandelion-fields-gettysburg-pa-1599293/>

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**Gettysburg, PA**

**Thousands of soldiers died here**

**Now flowers die here**

## Chapter 16: RAINBOW



<https://pixabay.com/en/sky-rainbow-sunset-city-building-2604422/>

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**Heavens pour down rain  
Rainbow spreads across the sky  
End lands on prison**

## Chapter 17: GRAFFITI NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS



<https://pixabay.com/en/graffiti-sprayer-spray-cans-mask-2724511/>

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In graffiti's midst  
I see my beloved's name  
“For a good time, call —”

## Chapter 18: LEGACY



<https://pixabay.com/en/cemetery-military-graves-3377378/>

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**Leave something behind**

**To benefit Humankind**

**The challenge of life**

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**NOTE: This is something that scientific-minded and artistic-minded people, along with so many others, have attempted to do.**

## Chapter 19: PHOTO OF PABLO CASALS



**Source: Wiki Commons**

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**“Please be quiet, sir”**

**Photo of Pablo Casals**

**“I am listening”**

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**NOTE: This is a quote by an older gentleman who was looking at (and listening to) a photograph of the famous cellist Pablo Casals.**

## Chapter 20: *Respeito à Vida* (I RESPECT LIFE)



<https://pixabay.com/en/respect-bike-path-security-298740/>

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**Be kind, share the street**

***Respeito à Vida***

**Cars can crush bikes, lives**



## **Chapter 21: EARTHLY PARADISE**



<https://pixabay.com/en/orchid-yellow-orchid-flower-plant-3375197/>

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**Earthly paradise  
Exists in flower gardens  
Cultivate your own**

## Chapter 22: RUSSIAN BOY



<https://pixabay.com/en/baby-soap-bubbles-boy-kids-game-3427527/>

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**Little Russian boy  
Acts like American boy  
And like all children**

## Chapter 23: VERY OLD AGE



<https://pixabay.com/en/woman-old-senior-female-elderly-1031000/>

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**Path is very long**

**Spring: many people walk it**

**Winter: very few**

## Chapter 24: SEMI-NUDITY



<https://pixabay.com/en/erotica-underwear-net-woman-nude-3429127/>

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**Semi-nudity**

**Not a true problem for and**

**by many people**

## **Chapter 25: A CREATIVE LIFE**



<https://pixabay.com/en/footsteps-sand-beach-waterfront-1045952/>

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**Spend life creating  
Poems, books no one wants to read  
Not what I wanted**

## Chapter 26: PATHWAY



<https://pixabay.com/en/candle-light-dark-golden-night-633024/>

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**I blazed this pathway**

**Will anyone follow it**

**After I am gone?**



## **Chapter 27: GRATITUDE JOURNAL**



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-praying-hands-pray-eye-eyes-15780/>

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### **Gratitude journal**

**What am I thankful for now?**

**Write three things each day**

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**Grateful for three things:**

**Terry Pratchett and Discworld**

**Satiric humor**

## Chapter 28: GOOD ADVICE



<https://pixabay.com/en/hand-smoke-cigarette-lifestyle-man-1599944/>

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**Do form good habits**

— Which is which? It's up to you —

**Don't form bad habits**

## Chapter 29: UNEXPECTED PLEASURE



<https://pixabay.com/en/dance-disco-movement-music-color-1235587/>

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Where is your pleasure?

Often a surprise. I love

K-Pop dance covers

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**NOTE:** Check out MDCOV, a Russian K-Pop dance cover team, on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8II3X1tv4Q>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AR0fzUJtUp0>

**Chapter 30: “IF IT’S PERFECT, YOU AREN’T TRYING TO ACHIEVE ENOUGH”**



<https://pixabay.com/en/laptop-business-man-from-above-2838918/>

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**“But it’s not perfect!”**

**“If it’s perfect, then something’s**

**Very, very wrong”**

## Chapter 31: LIGHTNING



<https://pixabay.com/en/lightning-bolt-thunderstorm-768800/>

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**Bright, hard flash in sky**

— **Hard makes soft, bright makes shadows** —

**Soft shadows on ground**

## **Chapter 32: REGRET**



<https://pixabay.com/en/cemetery-military-cemetery-graves-3378201/>

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**What do you regret?**  
**Can you correct your regret?**  
**How will you sleep well?**



## Chapter 33: NAP (After Kikaku)



<https://pixabay.com/en/mosquito-biting-female-parasite-542156/>

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**I'm under attack!**  
**It's just a dream, or is it?**  
**A mosquito bite**

## Chapter 34: CHOICE?



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

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**Can this be a choice?**

**Look death in the face and scream,**

**Or make it welcome?**

**Chapter 35: EYES (After Kosugi Isshō)**



<https://pixabay.com/en/plant-dahlia-chrysanthemum-flower-2625370/>

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**Have seen everything  
What do I choose to look at?  
White chrysanthemums**

## **Chapter 36: THOUGHTS OF A BUTTERFLY FISH**



<https://pixabay.com/en/butterfly-fish-chelmon-rostratus-3454404/>

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**I see such beauty  
It is great to be alive  
I am beautiful**



## Chapter 37: ARTIST

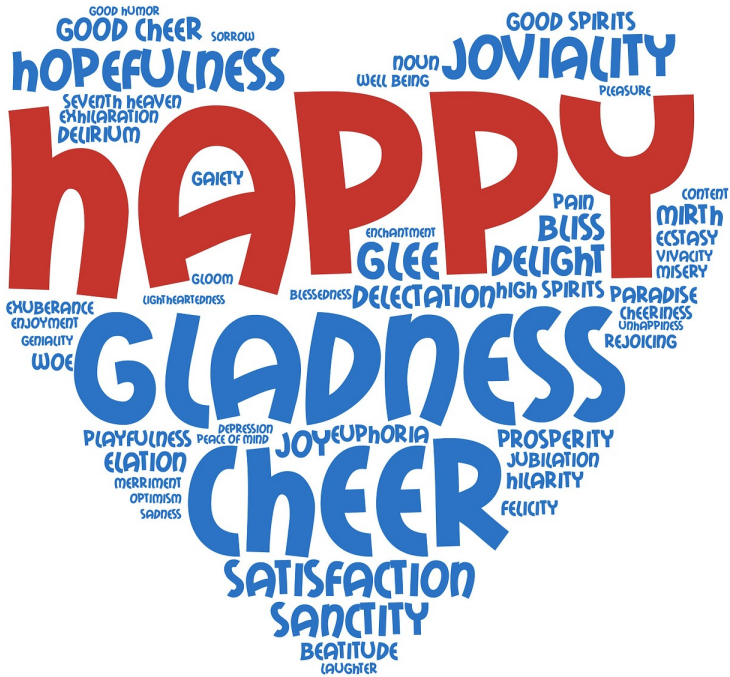


<https://pixabay.com/en/art-artist-paintings-painter-690618/>

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**A wall of paintings**  
**Started with one blank canvas**  
**His life is well lived**

## Chapter 38: SAY NO FORCED OPTIMISM



<https://pixabay.com/en/joyful-fun-mind-strength-joy-621115/>

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**Forced to be happy?**

**What's so wrong with some sadness,**

**Normal ups and downs?**



## Chapter 39: PURPOSE OF LIFE



<https://pixabay.com/en/gold-footpath-walking-walk-83754/>

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**The purpose of life  
Is to walk with beauty all  
The days of your life**

## Chapter 40: WEEDS?



<https://pixabay.com/en/dressing-gown-dandelion-dandelion-742467/>

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**Are these flowers weeds?  
They grow wherever they can  
Dandelions don't care**

## Chapter 41: LIGHT SHOW



<https://pixabay.com/en/lightning-clouds-storm-weather-2403547/>

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**Off in the distance**  
**Lightning storm tops a high hill**  
**Free light show at dusk**

## Chapter 42: CONTRASTS OF DECLINES



<https://pixabay.com/en/red-maple-leaf-autumn-autumn-leaves-507545/>

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**Not like maple leaves' —  
Human beings' drab declines:  
Frailty, and then death**

## Chapter 43: GOOD LIVES = GOOD DEATHS



<https://pixabay.com/en/people-old-man-woman-couple-love-2583943/>

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Some say lives well lived  
And well loved lead to an end  
That resembles love

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**NOTE: Read Edgar Lee Masters' poem "William and Emily" in *Spoon River Anthology*.**



## **Chapter 44: NEW LIFE**



<https://pixabay.com/en/egg-bird-s-egg-shell-empty-shell-3471439/>

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**Old shell, but new life**  
**Venture into the unknown**  
**Species continues**



## Chapter 45: PINK



<https://pixabay.com/en/children-smile-eyes-happy-smiling-3471580/>

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**Not sexism at all**

**Some things you just cannot change**

**Small girls just like pink**

## Chapter 46: BEAUTY



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-happy-laughing-dancing-nature-593194/>

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**“He likes dance — he’s gay”**

**“Nope. I call it girlwatching.**

**And life is so good”**

## Chapter 47: FUTURE READER



<https://pixabay.com/en/child-girl-children-face-eyes-3473596/>

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**Beatrix Potter**

— So much to look forward to —

**And Harry Potter**

## Chapter 48: TWO TRUTHS



<https://pixabay.com/en/water-underwater-nightmare-air-2725337/>

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**It's reality**

**So true: Dreams sometimes come true**

**And so do nightmares**

## Chapter 49: NECESSITY



<https://pixabay.com/en/woman-sculpture-figure-statue-2065802/>

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**A place for quiet  
A place to sit and realize  
That I am happy**

## Chapter 50: LIFE OF A SCARECROW



<https://pixabay.com/en/scarecrow-nigga-east-birds-sun-885003/>

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**Life of a scarecrow**  
**Lots of sunshine and fresh air**  
**Be a friend to birds**



## Chapter 51: FULL MOON



<https://pixabay.com/en/full-moon-moon-night-sky-dark-415501/>

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**Full Moon with dark spots**  
**Light goodness and dark evil**  
**Lunar Tao symbol**

## Chapter 52: VERY BEAUTIFUL



<https://pixabay.com/en/full-moon-moon-night-sky-dark-415501/>

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Very beautiful

Full Moon happens once a month

Free for the looking

## Chapter 53: SEASHELL ISLAND



<https://pixabay.com/en/fashion-model-beach-hat-sand-sea-985556/>

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**It's Seashell Island**

**Site of romantic books by**

**Brenda Kennedy**

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**NOTE: Brenda Kennedy writes romances. Get *Home on Seashell Island* here FREE:**

[https://www.amazon.com/Home-Seashell-Island-Book-ebook/dp/B076Y1VTCV/ref=asap\\_bc?ie=UTF8](https://www.amazon.com/Home-Seashell-Island-Book-ebook/dp/B076Y1VTCV/ref=asap_bc?ie=UTF8)

## Chapter 54: COMPLAINT



<https://pixabay.com/en/animal-avian-bird-feathers-flight-1854225/>

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**How can my body  
Decline precipitously  
When my free soul flies?**

## Chapter 55: WE ALL FACE DARKNESS



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-sad-desperate-lonely-sadness-3422711/>

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**Life is good, and yet  
Being a child can be hard  
We all face darkness**

## Chapter 56: SMILE



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-swinging-hairstyle-swing-1245835/>

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**Smile: The best facelift  
And the best beauty treatment  
And it's so quick, too**



## Chapter 57: GOOD THINGS IN LIFE



<https://pixabay.com/en/paper-dragon-dragon-colorful-dragon-3489171/>

\*\*\*

**Good things in life**

**Dress well, do good, look pretty**

**Fly paper dragons**

## **Chapter 58: DON'T FORGET THE GOOD ONES**



<https://pixabay.com/en/church-ship-priest-catholic-79607/>

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**So many scandals  
And yet so many good priests  
The Catholic Church**

## Chapter 59: WHAT CAN IT TEACH ME?



<https://pixabay.com/en/stained-glass-spiral-circle-pattern-1181864/>

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**A strange religion!**  
**Is anything really there?**  
**What can it teach me?**

## Chapter 60: SONGBIRD



<https://pixabay.com/en/birds-animal-life-no-person-nature-3259394/>

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**As I died, a bird  
Began a song; its ending  
I heard in Heaven**

## **Chapter 61: LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL!**



<https://pixabay.com/en/spring-girl-woman-portrait-beauty-3385110/>

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**Cherry-blossom time!**  
**Potential wives everywhere!**  
**Life is beautiful!**

## **Chapter 62: THE HEAVIEST TO CARRY**



<https://pixabay.com/en/baby-girl-child-cute-baby-girl-2047595/>

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**The smallest coffin**  
**The heaviest to carry**  
**Goodbye, my baby**



## Chapter 63: MABEL AMBER



<https://pixabay.com/en/woman-head-hair-head-phones-music-3505269/>

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**Dutch Mabel Amber**

**Making sepia photos**

**Creating artworks**

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**NOTE: She also does excellent color photos. See her work here:**

<https://pixabay.com/en/users/MabelAmber-1377835/>

## Chapter 64: FLOWERS ARE PRETTY



<https://pixabay.com/en/poppy-alpine-cornflower-3441348/>

\*\*\*

**My astonishment  
At the oh so obvious —  
My very best trait**

## Chapter 65: APPRECIATION



<https://pixabay.com/en/child-toddler-cute-blonde-flower-3089903/>

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**Her astonishment**  
**At the oh so obvious —**  
**A child's loving trait**

## **Chapter 66: UNANSWERABLE?**



<https://pixabay.com/en/colour-smoke-rainbow-color-design-1885352/>

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**What is wind's color?**

**Stars' number in universe?**

**One hand's clapping sound?**

## Chapter 67: HUMAN BEING



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-woman-character-body-face-1730199/>

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**Skeleton, covered**

**By meat, sinew, blood, skin, hair,**

**Sometimes by clothing**



## Chapter 68: A HAIKU MOMENT



<https://pixabay.com/en/flowers-pansy-plant-purple-violet-200270/>

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Unexpected sight  
Of these tiny violets  
Scenic perfection



## Chapter 69: A WALK IN THE WOODS



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-person-people-young-woman-3300207/>

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**A walk in the woods**

**— Forget my bills and worries —**

**With a friend of mine**

## Chapter 70: AFTER I DIE



<https://pixabay.com/en/bed-bedroom-blanket-books-cover-1846251/>

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**Which books will be on  
— when relatives clean my place —  
my bedside table?**

**Canto 71: DANGER TO SELF AND FRAGILE  
FLOWERS**



<https://pixabay.com/en/pool-lotus-flower-lily-flora-3189221/>

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**Danger to flowers  
So dangerous for a drunk  
Danger to the drunk**

**Chapter 72: IRIS DREAM (After Ogawa Shūshiki)**



<https://pixabay.com/en/iris-flower-handsomely-nature-3463413/>

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**Dreamed of irises  
Now I am wide-eyed awake  
I still see purple**

## Chapter 73: I FORGOT SOMETHING



<https://pixabay.com/en/stockings-linen-blonde-girl-woman-3521776/>

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**I got my glasses**

**I know I forget something**

**I got my jacket**

## Chapter 74: BLIND JUSTICE



<https://pixabay.com/en/justitia-zodiac-sign-421805/>

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**Where is the blindfold?  
Something is badly wrong here  
Justice must be blind**



## **Chapter 75: GREEN TRANSPARENCY**

**(After Kaga no Chiyo)**



<https://pixabay.com/en/drip-grass-raindrop-mood-1331703/>

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**This grass is so green  
And yet — see the color of water! —  
This dew is so clear**

## Chapter 76: EXTINCTION



<https://pixabay.com/en/swan-with-young-boy-zwaantjes-ditch-3531563/>

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**Do not go extinct**  
**We want the species to live**  
**This swan does her part**

## **Chapter 77: HAPPY DREAM**



<https://pixabay.com/en/child-baby-human-new-born-3534046/>

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**Someday I'll grow up  
And wear normal people's clothes  
And Mom won't dress me**

## Chapter 78: STATING THE OBVIOUS



<https://pixabay.com/en/flowers-purple-girl-people-3517818/>

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**Pretty blond woman  
Sitting among lavender  
Wearing absurd shoes**

## Chapter 79: SO BIG



<https://pixabay.com/en/bed-person-sleeping-woman-resting-1836316/>

\*\*\*

**Feeling so depressed**  
**Just returned from funeral**  
**How big the bed seems**



## Chapter 80: MULTI-PURPOSE



<https://pixabay.com/en/summer-soak-fun-water-outdoor-693316/>

\*\*\*

**A water bucket**

**Repurposed for something new**

**A bucket of girl**



## Chapter 81: TRUTH



<https://pixabay.com/en/mammal-wildlife-rodent-cute-1285166/>

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**Please tell me the truth  
Does this fur make me look fat?  
I so need to know**

## Chapter 82: WHAT IS THE TRUTH?



<https://pixabay.com/en/chipmunk-garden-spring-flowers-2318395/>

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**Chipmunk and flower**

**Beauty appreciation?**

**Or is this just food?**

## Chapter 83: NAIL POLISH AND GOD



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-lady-hand-rosary-pray-woman-706667/>

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**Nail polish and God  
It's a good combination  
Both look and be good**

## **Chapter 84: ARE YOU IMPRESSED YET?**



<https://pixabay.com/en/car-sports-car-luxury-model-auto-1300629/>

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**Some people do this!  
Spend much of their money to  
Impress other people!**

## Chapter 85: SIGHT



<https://pixabay.com/en/eye-blue-eye-iris-pupil-face-1173863/>

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**For fifty dollars  
Cataract surgery can  
Cure a blind person**

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**NOTE: SEVA Foundation can perform cataract surgery for only fifty dollars (in a third-world country) and make a blind person able to see. As long as that's true, I don't need to spend my money trying to impress other people.**

## Chapter 86: IT'S A LIE!



<https://pixabay.com/en/earth-soil-creep-moon-lunar-surface-11014/>

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**Where's the huge turtle**

**And the four huge elephants?**

**Pratchett lied to me!**

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**NOTE: Terry Pratchett's satiric Discworld novels are about a world that consists of a disc on the back of four huge elephants that are the back of a huge turtle swimming through space. Terry Pratchett lied to me, as this photo clearly shows. Oh, wait. Maybe they are in the shadow and so I can't see them. Never mind.**



## Chapter 87: CONTEMPLATION



<https://pixabay.com/en/moor-frog-rana-arvalis-spring-3552028/>

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**Frog's contemplation**  
**So aware of surroundings**  
**In tune with nature**

## Chapter 88: NATURE WOMAN



<https://pixabay.com/en/flowers-bouquet-in-the-hands-field-3550373/>

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**It's Nature Woman!**  
**The superhero we need!**  
**No guns are needed!**

## Chapter 89: KOI FISH



<https://pixabay.com/en/koi-fish-colorado-bell-japanese-3019868/>

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**Communal life form**  
**Koi fish never eat alone**  
**Lots of company**

## Chapter 90: WHAT AM I SEEING?



<https://pixabay.com/en/steria-blue-rain-wisteria-park-2053710/>

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**What am I seeing?  
Rainbow or wisterias?  
Or the Milky Way?**

## **Chapter 91: A PATH WE ALL WILL WALK**



<https://pixabay.com/en/person-man-walking-motion-road-3556090/>

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**Someday I will take  
A pathway easy to find  
All do walk on it**

## Chapter 92: HIJAB



<https://pixabay.com/en/hijab-headscarf-portrait-veil-3064633/>

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**Purpose of hijab?**  
**To cover up her beauty?**  
**It is not working**



## Chapter 93: LUPIN



<https://pixabay.com/en/lu-ice-flower-lupin-color-2409315/>

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**City of flowers**

**Nature's high-rise apartments**

**Lupinus flowers**

## Chapter 94: BLIND RICH PEOPLE



<https://pixabay.com/en/yacht-yacht-exterior-superyacht-1040850/>

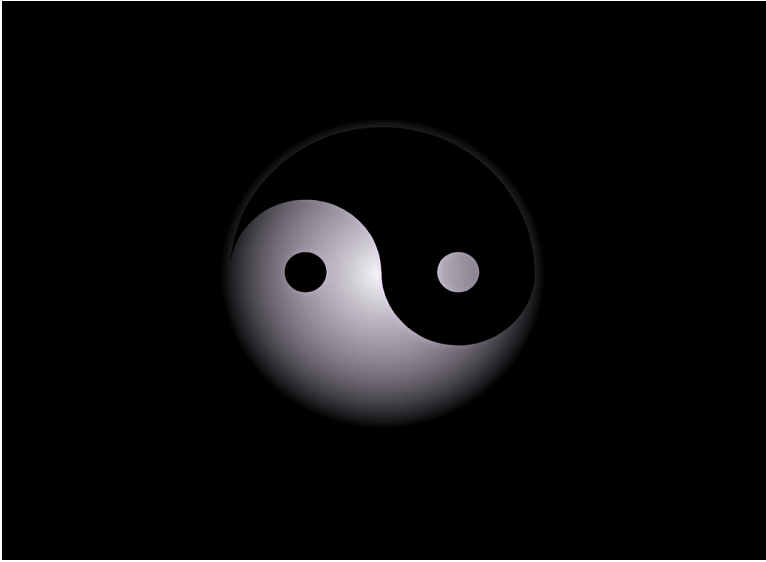
\*\*\*

**Blind people exist  
Forty-million-dollar yachts  
Also exist — why?**

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**NOTE: A \$50 donation to the charity SEVA FOUNDATION will pay for a cataract operation that will allow a blind person in a third-world nation to see. Since this is true, how can anyone own a \$40 million yacht as long as even one curable cataract-blinded person in a third-world nation exists?**

## Chapter 95: YIN-YANG



<https://pixabay.com/en/yin-yang-abstract-background-black-99824/>

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**Dark mingles with light**  
**Dark and light know each other**  
**Light mingles with dark**

## Chapter 96: GLIMPSES OF HEAVEN



<https://pixabay.com/en/rosa-yellow-red-flower-nature-3559717/>

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**Glimpses of Heaven**

**The observant can see them**

**Look for the beauty**

## Chapter 97: TAGGING



<https://pixabay.com/en/door-tag-graffiti-graffitti-dirty-3392210/>

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Some street art is art  
But tagging is vandalism  
He was here — so what?

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**NOTE:** Tagging is signing one's name or symbol representing oneself. It usually takes little or no skill.



## Chapter 98: DEER AND A FENCE



<https://pixabay.com/en/barn-rustic-barns-reindeer-fence-2689970/>

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**Some deer and a fence**

**This seems so unfair because**

**The deer were here first**

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**NOTE: Deer roamed North America long before humans began to put up fences.**



## Chapter 99: GRAFFITI



<https://pixabay.com/en/graffiti-wall-graffiti-graffiti-art-1209761/>

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**Is this great art? No  
But does it really matter?  
It makes me happy**

## Chapter 100: FORCED OPTIMISM



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**A forced optimism  
Is not a real optimism  
Let's be realistic**

## APPENDIX A: SOME BOOKS BY DAVID BRUCE

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*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*

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*Dante's Purgatory: A Retelling in Prose*

*Dante's Paradise: A Retelling in Prose*

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

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*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*

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*King Edward III: 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*

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

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*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*

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*William Shakespeare's Hamlet: A Retelling in Prose*

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

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

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*The Coolest People in Books: 250 Anecdotes*

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*The Funniest People in Art: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Books: 250 Anecdotes*

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*The Funniest People in Books, Volume 3: 250 Anecdotes*

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*The Funniest People in Movies: 250 Anecdotes*

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*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*

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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*.