

RHEETS 2013

A year's worth of rhyming tweets

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Introduction

Here it is: my book of 366 Rheets (rhyming tweets) for 2013, one for each and every day of the year, except not exactly. Apparently, I didn't write one on the 6th of February, or the 7th of September. I don't know if I was just seriously high those nights, or too tired, or wrote something and somehow it failed to post, or what, but I also wrote two on April 21st, the 15th of July and the 10th of September, for some even more inexplicable reason, so it evens out.

I call them Rheets because last year's book, Twoems, didn't generate any interest at all. I blame the name. It's the easiest thing to blame. Of course, it could be due to my marketing plan. I made the book available on Amazon, mentioned it once or twice on Facebook, and waited for the checks to roll in. It didn't happen. Maybe people just weren't paying attention or maybe they just decided to read them for free at www.gurukalehuru.com, which is an option for this, or any of my poetry. I would enjoy economic success but, mostly, I just want to be read.

Although I doubt if very many of them amount to great literature – it is a limiting form, after all – some of them are funny and all of them serve as a portal into something much greater.

They all relate to the blog I wrote on that day (250–500 words). I sometimes go a little bit over, but not often. The idea is that they are long enough to make some significant social commentary, but short enough to read in less time than it takes to consume a cup of coffee and a donut because, really, I know everybody today has attention span issues) The blog I write each day (at www.gurukalehuru.com) may be about what is happening in the world or maybe just something that's happening in my life, but it all relates to that big, complex web of objects, events and ideas which make up the universe we live in.

The other reason that link (www.gurukalehuru.com) is important is that, while some of these poems make perfect sense on their own, some of them don't quite. For instance, when I wrote on February 12th "Two babies born on the very same day, grew up to change the world in many ways," you might guess Lincoln if you are old enough to remember

when his birthday was an official holiday, but did you know he was born on the same day as Charles Darwin? Or, when I wrote on December 9th "An original artist might be a star, but this young lady has raised the bar," you would have to link to the blog to find out who the young lady in question was.

In any event, here they are. I hope you enjoy them.

Willie Watson

January

In which famous fat actor Gerard Depardumbshit became a Russian citizen because French taxes are too darn high, a professor at Harvard discussed the possibility of cloning Neanderthals because he probably never saw Jurassic Park, computer genius and whistleblower Aaron Swartz committed suicide rather than go to jail, the idea of a trillion dollar coin was floated but, since it was a good idea which might actually have solved America's economic problems, nobody took it seriously, and Barack Obama was re-inaugurated and began his second term.

1 Jan

We've arrived at the future, the difference is drastic,
2013 will be fantastic

2 Jan

Actually, I'd suggest that you ignore
anyone in a position of authority

3 Jan

Obelix, so big and fat,
now will wear a Russian hat

4 Jan

We can't explain the brain as yet,
but we'll keep trying, you can bet

5 Jan

If you work for the CIA,
they listen to every word you say

6 Jan

Vacation's over, it was fun,
but I didn't get a damned thing done

7 Jan

Poetry gets dull if it's too long.
If it rhymes then it can be a song.

8 Jan

Alex Jones is crazy as hell,
but he's right about how the towers fell

9 Jan

A trillion dollar coin is not so scary,
all currency is arbitrary

10 Jan

It should come as no surprise,
when one obsessed with death up and dies

11 Jan

The statistician has a double role
predicting elections AND the super bowl

12 Jan

When people who could make things change
die suddenly, I find it strange

13 Jan

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

14 Jan

7 years and not a peep,
then he speaks up and yup; still a creep

15 Jan

Shelley and Frost wrote beautiful poems,
here on Twitter I write Twoems

16 Jan

If we really had to pry your guns
from your cold, dead hands, it could be done

17 Jan

I've heard it said, but never really knew it,
if you believe it, you can do it

18 Jan

The evidence is crystal clear,
people get lazier every year

19 Jan

Monkeys play an interesting part and stuff,
but they really aren't quite smart enough.

20 Jan

The past was different, the future is strange,
but what's important, doesn't change

21 Jan

Little babies scowl and whine,
everybody else is fine

22 Jan

This is a path where geneticists should not go
unless they've watched „The Island of Dr. Moreau“

23 Jan

While Mrs. O was expressing her feelings,
Boehner's wife was on camera stealing

24 Jan

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

25 Jan

I couldn't think of what to write,
so watched some crap TV tonight

26 Jan

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

27 Jan

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

28 Jan

Getting all zonked out on LSD
is not the same as child pornography

29 Jan

Republicans are all bereft,
without the stupid, nothing's left

30 Jan

Truman said „the buck stops here,“
for Harry Reid, it's „nowhere near“

31 Jan

I'm still pretty sure that we aren't alone,
there are billions of planets in the Goldilocks Zone

February

was a bad month for art and meat. In France, someone wrote AE911 across Eugene Delacroix's famous painting, Liberty Leading the People. AE911 is a group of architects and engineers who do not accept the official version of what happened on September 11th, 2001. In America, George Bush showed his paintings, which are not nearly as bad as his presidency but somewhat embarrassing nonetheless. There was a scandal as Tesco and many other stores were found to be selling horse meat and labeling it as beef, and in my beloved town of Prague the city authorities decided to close the sausage stands on Wenceslas Square, probably under pressure from McDonald's and KFC. On Valentine's Day, legless track star Oscar Pistorius murdered his girlfriend. Also in February, the Pope resigned, which was something that hadn't happened in over 500 years.

1 Feb

Buildings are always being built;
they dig the holes, they must be filled.

2 Feb

It is certain Hillary Clinton will run because
that's the thing that Hillary Clinton does

3 Feb

Even those who know guns well
can still be shot and be dead as hell

4 Feb

Music without words is quite high tone
but words without music is just a poem

5 Feb

Walsh v. Rove! Let the battle begin!
Whoever loses, the people win

7 Feb

The news is smothered by layers of crap,
i think I'll go and take a nap

8 Feb

When nobody listens to what you say,
you have to find another way

9 Feb

Adolph Hitler's landscapes
are better than Bush's manscapes

10 Feb

However many we think there are,
there will be more than that by far

11Feb

He says it's because he's old and sick,
but I suspect he's a lying prick

12 Feb

Two babies born on the very same day,
grew up to change the world in many ways

13 Feb

Sexually, Sea Slugs are truly unmatched,
they have a penis that is detachable

14 Feb

He thought she was a burglar, he shot her in the head,
3 more times to be sure she was dead

15 Feb

Two incidents in just one day,
statistically, that is not O.K.

16 Feb

Just a lovely winter view,
and sampler of my opinions on the news

17 Feb

When we say „I could eat a horse,“
we don't mean literally, of course

18 Feb

Everything you see and hear and do,
gets in your head, becomes a part of you

19 Feb

They're closing down the sausage stands in Prague,
where can you go now, for a cup of grog?

20 Feb

We can survive for eternity,
century by century

21 Feb

The internet has opened the golden door,
top secret doesn't mean anything any more.

22 Feb

A different way of seeing things,
there's a certain joy it brings

23 Feb

He shot her through the bathroom door,
1 time, 2 times, 3 times, 4

24 Feb

Once we start to map the mind,
there's no way to know what we're going to find

25 Feb

Being social beings, it's quite clear,
sometimes we listen too much to what we hear

26 Feb

Things are gonna get nasty and mucky
in the Senate election down in Kentucky

27 Feb

When things on Earth are a little bit slow,
look up at the sky and watch the show

28 Feb

To explain or to entertain,
the teacher's task is not always plain

March,

in which my son went on a school trip to London, which I thought was pretty amazing, we didn't do cool stuff like that when I was in 5th grade, an Argentinian became the 1st non-European pope, Tiger Woods started dating skier Lindsay Vonn and, in what was probably not a coincidence, starting winning golf tournaments again, winter maintained it's icy grip on the Czech Republic, and Voyager became the first man made object to leave the Solar System.

1 Mar

Living forever sounds real nice,
but doubtless it would have a price

2 Mar

The rich get more and more and more,
and all the pain is felt by the poor

3 Mar

If that's all you have to say,
then please shut up and go away

4 Mar

If the scandal spreads too fast,
the next pope just might be the last

5 Mar

Sorry to hear that Hugo's dead,
but my blog's about something else, instead

6 Mar

The world is an amazing place,
the perfect home for the human race

7 Mar

Cops think they're bad, cops think they're bold,
arresting people who are 80 years old

8 Mar

The things kids get to do these days,
are fantastic, are amazing

9 Mar

Brilliant acting and excellent writing,
this film makes politics seem exciting

10 Mar

She still hasn't said she's going to run,
but if she does, hoo boy, what fun!

11 Mar

Greed is not good, it's understood,
but we can state, that greed is great

12 Mar

U r what u r and there's nought you can do,
but if you're on facebook, then facebook knows, too

13 Mar

No big changes, nothing bold,
the Pope is new, but he's pretty old

14 Mar

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

15 Mar

He says stupid stuff and he likes to curse,
but what he actually does is worse

16 Mar

Slavery wasn't all that bad,
we gave them food and shelter, so why should they be mad?

17 Mar

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

18 Mar

He's playing the same as he once played,
Tiger just needed to get laid

19 Mar

Here's a little teacher's trick:
if they're in their chairs, it's harder to punch and kick

20 Mar

Voyager is going, Voyager is gone,
and Voyager will keep on going, on and on and on

21 Mar Politicians who rant about what gays do,
secretly want it, Oh, yes, it's true

22 Mar

When hacking skills are used to create,
it still might be wrong but it's kind of great

23 Mar

If the whiskey's on the table, don't ya think,
somebody's going to have a little drink?

24 Mar

When you visit an alternative universe,
it could be better or it could be worse

25 Mar

In the body hacking scene,
you, too, can be a man-machine

26 Mar

Spring will come, I must believe,
but winter doesn't want to leave.

27 Mar

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

28 Mar

If Monsanto goes unregulated,
our food supply will be contaminated

29 Mar

8 brilliant books of poetry,
not free, but as cheap as they can be

30 Mar

A hint on which comments you should pay heed to,
those who spell badly, quite likely don't read

31 Mar

When it is a holiday, yo,
everybody has to say so

April,

In which my wife participated in the Prague 1/2 Marathon, the Boston Marathon was devastated by a bomb at the finish line, scientists managed to link a human brain directly to a rat brain, the selection process began for Mars One, the extremely ballsy Dutch project to colonize the Red Planet, and comedian Jonathan Winters, sex symbol Annette Funicello, and a former British Prime Minister who I didn't like very much all passed away.

1 Apr

Christians just don't like to share,
they need to see Jesus everywhere

2 Apr

My wife might think that I'm a jerk,
but it felt good to get back to work

3 Apr

Sleazeball Sanford's got no class,
Steve's big sister gonna whup his ass

4 Apr

It's frustrating, it makes me mad,
for all the good, there's at least as much bad

5 Apr

The mainstream media's over and dead,
social media's here instead.

6 Apr

Flashmobs and Marathons are wonderful to see,
people give their all 2b the best that they can be

7 Apr

Celebrities shouldn't think out loud
,cause every stupid word they say is picked up by the crowd

8 Apr

Every red blooded American fellow
was in love with Annette Funicello

9 Apr

Walking on an asteroid or deep inside the mind
both will have an impact on the future of mankind

10 Apr

If you want to keep your kids,
don't say the things the Hakken's did

11 Apr

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

12 Apr

Tony Blair should shut his face,
a traitor to the human race

13 April

This will have a lot of uses,
and more than a few abuses

14 Apr

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

15 Apr

What perverted motive could they have had,
for doing something so monumentally bad?

16 Apr

Now that Spring has hit its stride,
everybody is outside

17 Apr

Ain't no other way to spin it,
they know Sanford ain't going to win it

18 Apr

Your gunstore has everything you need,
to kill your friends and neighbors, at high speed

19 Apr

It can't be happy, no pretending,
but I hope this story soon has an ending

20 Apr

Happy420! Isn't life grand?
I hope you have plenty to smoke on hand

21 Apr

Scientists explore the mind,
they do not know what they will find

22 Apr

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

23 Apr

If something's good, then it gets shared, that's true
so pretty soon it isn't all that new

24 Apr

With technology even at its current state,
the future will be truly great

25 Apr

Perhaps it was a bit imprudent,
to talk about pot with my 9th grade students

26 Apr

Rape is bad, any time, any place,
but after 2 years of sex, you don't have a case

27 Apr

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

28 Apr

As long as there are new frontiers,
there will be brave pioneers

29 Apr

So much of history can be read
in the bodies of the dead

30 Apr

The fire leaps, the fire burns
the evil witch, and spring returns

May,

In which I proposed a brilliant solution to the problem of Guantanamo Bay, 3 young girls who had been held as captives and sex slaves by a sleazy school bus driver in Cleveland, Ohio, were rescued by a heroic neighbor, the ruins of a legendary ancient city were discovered in Guatemala, pianist Ray Manzarek died of cancer and a tornado which took tornadoes up to a whole new level hit Moore, Oklahoma.

1 May

In making scientific decisions,
scientists are better than politicians

2 May

Oh, what fun, my very own gun,
it's such a thrill, to shoot and kill

3 May

Politicians are stupid, I do not doubt it,
but if you read it in the Curreant, forget about it!

4 May

Unlimited power and all for free,
imagine what the world could be

5 May

Guantanamo Bay would be a lovely place,
if it didn't have that horrible naval base

6 May

A poem is never right nor wrong,
but sometimes they can be too long

7 May

3D printers make an ear, or they make a gun
1 of them can help you hear and 1 can kill for fun

8 May

The cops screwed up, I don't know why,
but Charles Ramsey is a stand up guy

9 May

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

10 May

Things could get a whole lot meaner,
once they start passing out subpoenas

11 May

400 ppm of carbon dioxide particles is a lot/
it will make the world a most unpleasant spot

12 May

We may be the masters of the universe,
but compared to the butterflies our color vision is worse

13 May

Every time I turn around,
I see a tree growing out of the ground

14 May

We don't even have a space elevator,
warp bubbles and shit comes much, much later

15 May

Mystery, Intrigue, Secrets, Surprises!!
The CIA spies all wear wacky disguises!

16 May

It's exciting just because it's old
but, of course, we wouldn't mind the gold

17 May

Greetings, fellow internetters,
typing slower is sometimes better

18 May

It started slow but picked up speed,
The Casual Vacancy is a good read

19 May

Scandals, scandals, everywhere,
does anybody really care?

20 May

Hemp has about a million uses,
and no possibility for abuses

21 May

Wind's picking up, the wind's spinning round,
there'll come a day when when it doesn't go down

22 May

We will explore the galaxy and more
but only if we don't kill ourselves before

23 May

It's cold in the winter, it's hot in the summer
people are getting dumber and dumber.

24 May

Robots have an important place,
because they can say anything right to your face

25 May

Technology's awesome, technology rocks,
but there are people trying to block it

26 May

People raised on video games, it is no surprise,
grow up with faster fingers and sharper eyes

27 May

The biggest question about McCain,
is he merely stupid or truly insane?

28 May

Eric Holder should resign or,
failing that, should grow a spine

29 May

The drawings are funny, the stories are nice,
but the books are full of good advice

30 May

Rain is great, it keeps things green and such,
but all day long is a bit too bloody much

31 May

The things that get 10 million hits,
are mostly really stupid shit

June

was a big month in Prague. There was a flood, but also the invention of the flying bicycle and the miraculous recovery of a girl who'd been in a coma. In international news, a Ukrainian model remade herself as a Barbie doll, which most people found kind of weird and gross but I found weird yet still a bit erotic, scientists predicted that we would have digital immortality by 2045, if we can stay alive that long, TV cook Paula Deen pissed a lot of people off with some comments that were generally construed as racist, and we on the American left found a new heroine in Texas State Senator Wendy Davis.

1 Jun

Rand Paul says that his party must change,
but change into what? That's the part that's strange

2 Jun

Bring out the buckets! bring out the mops!
The river is rising, but I hope it stops.

3 Jun

When trouble's approaching, don't mess around,
get the kids in the car, get the hell out of town

4 Jun

It was a stressful sort of day,
but now it's done, it's all O.K.

5 Jun

What, to me, is the biggest shock,
is the huge amount of classified docs

6 Jun

Movies get worse as the night gets dark,
that attack of the dreaded, two headed shark

7 Jun

The all seeing eye, the all knowing mind,
is kind of stupid and kind of blind

8 Jun

If you've done something you shouldn't be proud of,
better not to speak too loud of it

9 Jun

It was a good day at the zoo,
we saw elephants, bears, and monkeys, too

10 Jun

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

11 Jun

Which invention was the greatest?
Depends a bit upon what was latest.

12 Jun

The conversation sometimes wants for wit,
the shitheads always post the same old shit

13 Jun

Around the world, on every hand,
are things I do not understand

14 Jun

In the future, bikes will fly,
and human beings will roam the sky

15 Jun

Change is coming, it's coming on fast,
and some of these changes are going to last

16 Jun

The world will be a different place,
when Google sends balloons to space

17 Jun

Republicans have lots of money,
but they never could do funny

18 Jun

To live forever would be great,
even in a disembodied state

19 Jun

Which beautiful women will they choose?
It shouldn't depend on their political views.

20 Jun

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

21 Jun

School is out, the days are long,
the heat of summer is coming on strong

22 Jun

What she said, and even what she meant
wasn't said with any bad intent

23 Jun

Things are clear when the contrast is stark,
the light shines brightest when the night is dark

24 Jun

Berlusconi convicted of banging a hooker,
underage but a hell of a looker

25 Jun

For better internet conversation,
lose the crap in all its variations

26 Jun

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

27 Jun

It is a very basic lesson plan;
start with something simple, then do what you can

28 Jun

Human beings have killed the Earth,
but there's still a chance for some kind of rebirth

29 Jun

If all the secrets were revealed,
it might not even be such a big deal

30 Jun

It's the EU v. the USA,
the EU should give Snowden a place to stay

July,

In which we took a family vacation to Slovakia. In international news, Will and Kate had a baby and named him George, the last person alive who deserved to be called a journalist, Helen Thomas, passed away, Scientology came under a bit of increased scrutiny because nobody'd seen the wife of the Top Dude for years and years, and robots learned how to paint and do seriously awesome gymnastics.

1 Jul

If aliens have arrived, and I rather doubt it,
the government would no doubt lie to us about it

2 Jul

No reason at all to arrest this guy,
his loyal dog should not have had to die

3 Jul

There is intrigue, there is action,
in the fiction about the factions

4 Jul

I had a dream, but I don't know,
Just what it meant, so here you go

5 Jul

To be a priest has many joys
If you like sex with little boys

6 Jul

Nicaragua, Venezuela, Bolivia
These would be pretty nice places to live, yeah

7 Jul

We want the human race to last,
so we go digging in the past

8 Jul

He hates abortion but he loves them guns,
nonetheless, Rick Perry's done

9 Jul

Sleazy politicians are a penny a pound,
we don't need Weiner and Spitzer around

10 Jul

All of the wealth, throughout the land,
was pilfered by an invisible hand

11 Jul

Like dogs and cats and pigs and quail,
our solar system has a tail

12 Jul

The ski resort in summer is a very different scene,
all that was white is now a brilliant green

13 Jul

Water always flows downhill,
so Waterfalls, as water will

14 Jul

A rose by any other name would as sweetly smell,
Rowling by another name writes just as well

15 Jul

Shelly's missing for 7 years,
in any religion, that's kind of weird

15 Jul

The people she hung with are kind of weird,
so when she goes missing the worst is feared

16 Jul

Once they get a decent start,
they'll flood the world with robot art

17 Jul

Terry Branstad's a worthless shit,
he got caught but won't admit

18 Jul

Check the video, what a trip,
a robot does a quadruple back flip!

19 Jul

The reason aliens haven't contacted Earth,
is perhaps because they do not think we're worth it

20 Jul

There's no one left alive today,
who will say the things that she would say

21 Jul

You cannot change reality, however hard you try.
Johnny, you're a loser so just go ahead and cry

22 Jul

Dubai has money up the ass,
but what they do not have is class

23 Jul

Anthony Weiner needs to resign,
so he can spend more time online

24 Jul

The names to choose from were only 6 or 7.
Of course, they couldn't name him Nigel or Kevin

25 Jul

By the lake, and underneath the sun,
it will be beautiful and lots of fun

26 Jul

It's a beautiful place,
with a slower pace

27 Jul

The trees are green, the water's clear,
it's truly very pretty here

28 Jul

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

29 Jul

A journalist's one and only task
is to ask the questions that should be asked

30 Jul

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

31 Jul

Barbara Morgan is Tony's savior,
her bad language trumps his bad behavior

August,

in which the founder of Amazon.com, Jeff Bezos, bought the Washington Post and everybody wondered why, TV doctor Sanjay Gupta came out in favor of marijuana, we went canoeing on the Jizera River, computer genius Mark Zuckerberg proved that one can make billions of dollars by starting up a cool social media site and still be an unbelievably cheap prick, and Miley Cyrus managed to offend almost everybody with her dance performance at the Video Music Awards program.

1 Aug

The 17th century would have been good,
for people who like stuff made out of wood

2 Aug

If the Baboons are acting this way,
perhaps it's because they have something to say

3 Aug

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

4 Aug

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

5 Aug

Seems to me poor Justin's goin'
down the same road as Lindsay Lohan

6 Aug

The plot of the film had already been done,
but watching it outdoors was fun

7 Aug

He bought the Post, he's the man of the hour,
perhaps he just bought some political power

8 Aug
Marijuana's good for you,
now Sanjay Gupta says so, too

9 Aug
Of rich and poor, a tragic tale,
Woody Allen does not fail

10 Aug
If all politicians had a biopic,
it might help for us to pick

11 Aug
1500 years ago they stood,
upon this hill and what they saw was good

12 Aug
What Holder said was just O.K.,
but there's so much he didn't say

13 Aug
Humanity will be replicated
as computers get more sophisticated

14 Aug
„Journalist“ should be defined as
„one who's a journalist in their own mind.“

15 Aug
Free Condoms From Christine Quinn!
It's clear she really plans to win

16 Aug
If extraterrestrials did exist,
we wouldn't be able to resist

17 Aug
Some write by day, some write by night,
there is no one right way to write

18 Aug

The river forms a great divide,
infinity on either side

19 Aug

Hosni Mubark is out of jail,
has the revolution completely failed?

20 Aug

For the British Government to get so mad,
it must be something really, really bad

21 Aug

For a young man, in his prime,
35 years is a long, long time

22 Aug

I admit, I hadn't been planning
on writing a blog about CHELSEA Manning

23 Aug

If you're not seeking a reply,
why would you post on facebook, why?

24 Aug

I wish the Post would apologize,
for some of their more recent lies

25 Aug

If we have to use our real life names,
will our comments change, or be the same

26 Aug

Miley did a bump and grind,
and everybody lost their mind

27 Aug

Ford is dead, and Fromme is free,
and it's not about national security

28 Aug

Chemical weapons are bad, it's true,
but dropping bombs kills people, too

29 Aug

Roll it up, go ahead and light it,
the federal government ain't gonna fight it

30 Aug

Robots can stay all day on their feet,
human workers are obsolete

31 Aug

Chemical weapons are bad, that's true,
but let's face the facts, we've used them, too.

September,

In which my son and I attended Flying Day in Prague, where people run off a ramp with all sorts of comical winged contraptions and fall into the river, Anderson Cooper was caught faking news reports with absolutely zero consequences, well known poets (if there is such a thing) were caught plagiarizing, the bombing of Syria was averted with some fancy diplomacy, and Diana Nyad established herself as the most awesome human being in the known universe, bar none.

1 Sep

There are many things to be debated,
things could get a bit complicated

2 Sep

Skill and endurance, strength and power,
she swam two days plus about five hours

3 Sep

Did Anderson Cooper fake the news?
He hasn't denied it, so I guess it's true

4 Sep

There are multiple meanings for many a word,
boobies and tits are also birds

5 Sep

Mary has a special role,
she can teach some folks
how to practice mind control,
this is not a hoax

6 Sep

At least, it seems, she isn't dead,
but might not be quite right in the head

8 Sep

A walk in the park, a bicycle ride,
a beautiful day to be outside

9 Sep

The world is such a beautiful place,
but wasted on the human race

10 Sep

If we can avoid the bombing,
the effect on the future might be quite calming

11 Sep

Weiner is angry, Weiner is mad,
Weiner got beat and he got beat bad

12 Sep

America's not an exceptional case,
it's just like every other place

13 Sep

Take a deep breath, and try to be calm,
we really do not need to bomb

14 Sep

There is sound in outer space
and it sounds like quite a lovely place

15 Sep

The more I debate, the more I find,
that nobody ever changes their mind

16 Sep

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

17 Sep

Until we know the situation,
we can use our imagination

18 Sep

Some of the people we meet each day,
see the world in a limited way

19 Sept

Teabagger ad makers got some nerve,
they made Uncle Sam into a creepy perv

20 Sept

When the students play the fool,
the teacher still has to keep their cool

21 Sept

Sweet as honey, redder than cherries,
of course strawberries are fucking berries

22 Sept

Not everything with wings can fly,
this is funny but I don't know why

23 Sept

Finding extraterrestrials would be groovy,
better yet if they are like the ones in movies

24 Sept

Although lurid and over sensational,
facebook can be quite educational

25 Sept

I like my students, I like them fine,
but sometimes they get out of line

26 Sept

Wendy Davis is seizing the day,
I think she could go all the way

27 Sept

It could be nuclear radiation,
causing this massive fungification

28 Sept

Good relations are coming back,
Rouhani is now BFFs with Barack

29 Sept

They drink, they vote, they vote, they drink,
politicians really stink

30 Sept

You can find good stuff, it's true,
but there's a lot of rubbish, too

October,

In which Michelle Bachmann and the Teabaggers exceed themselves in shamelessness, blaming Obama for closing down the WWII memorial in Washington, D.C., just after they had voted to shut down the government, including all national parks, which included that memorial. It was also the month in which my Aunt Bernice celebrated her 100th birthday, Saudi women demanded the right to drive, and everybody on facebook went nuts over giraffes for about three or four days.

1 Oct

The hypocrisy can't be denied,
Michele Bachmann! Pick a damned side

2 Oct

An average day, some good, some bad,
I guess I'd just better try not to get mad

3 Oct

1 thing we've got over the hippie generation,
is better tools for communication

4 Oct

The police have been quick to kill people lately
and this is a trend which worries me greatly

5 Oct

It's hard for an artist to find recognition,
if, indeed, that is your ambition

6 Oct

When they dug up King Tut's tomb,
what they found was a cluttered room

7 Oct

Bernice has lived one century today,
and things have changed in almost every way

8 Oct

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

9 Oct

Global warming has revealed,
things which were (in ice, for millenia) sealed

10 Oct

If you don't want to answer questions,
you shouldn't be in Congress, that's my suggestion

11 Oct

Robot teachers will do just fine,
at keeping the rotten kids in line

12 Oct

Republicans weakness in this fight,
is that they're really not that bright

13 Oct

Wherever religion's not mandatory,
it's a story of fading glory

14 Oct

Back in the days when cavemen roamed,
it was women who brightened the home

15 Oct

Today, I offered a lady a seat,
and her reaction was very sweet

16 Oct

If the students don't want the teacher to teach them,
what can a teacher do to reach them?

17 Oct

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

18 Oct

I don't mind a cop show now and again
but really there are just too many

19 Oct

Pay no attention to what I say,
I just write some old shit every day

20 Oct

When intelligent robots take the stage,
that's the end of the human age

21 Oct

This statue simply does not belong,
in this setting it's just plain wrong

22 Oct

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

23 Oct

Whatever Angela has to say,
is monitored by the USA

24 Oct

Everybody talks shit about shit they don't know,
I'd leave facebook, but there's nowhere to go

25 Oct

Russell Brand can really rant,
but can he change the world? Most likely can't.

26 Oct

Saudi Women will go far,
if they're allowed to drive a car

27 Oct

Pot's getting better, Pot's growing taller,
in Uruguay, it's a gram for a dollar

28 Oct

Not everything that's strange and eerie,
can be called a conspiracy theory

29 Oct

Most of us are just blowing smoke,
but true believers can't take a joke

30 Oct

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

31 Oct

The universe is full of twists,
whether or not dark matter exists

November,

In which Toronto mayor Rob Ford continued to prove that Canadians are not quite as morally superior to their southern counterparts as people tend to think, I discovered a musical comedy duo from North Carolina called Rhett and Link, we observed the 50th anniversary of John Kennedy's assassination, and Black Friday, a modern holiday of commercialism and violence, was observed on the day after Thanksgiving.

1 Nov

In public, Willie's pretty slick,
in private he talks about dogs and their dicks

2 Nov

To the government that is lying,
Information is terrifying

3 Nov

Russia hasn't changed in certain ways,
from their bad, old Siberian gulag days

4 Nov

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

5 Nov

Aliens may get here yet some day,
but everything in space is far away

6 Nov

Young folk who get high a lot,
eat junkfood and some get spots

7 Nov

Negative connotations to almost any word we use
We have to be careful which ones we choose

8 Nov

It could be I'm a tad bit dense,
but Schrodinger's Cat don't make no sense

9 Nov

To see things in their most natural light,
color is better than black and white

10 Nov

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

11 Nov

We may never know what happened on that day,
and who, or who all, murdered JFK

12 Nov

Things grow wild along the railroad track,
we plow the world up,
and the world grows back

13 Nov

People see something good on the net,
they want to get some, you can bet

14 Nov

Miley is cool, Miley is hot,
but she shouldn't say that she is what she's not

15 Nov

Of course, some people might be pissed,
but I'm going to ignore your lists

16 Nov

An interesting premise and it would have been intense,
if it had, for instance, made some sense

17 Nov

I think I may have tried this once before.
If so, then I am trying it once more

18 Nov

He drinks and does drugs and a lot of other shit,
but what Rob Ford won't do is quit

19 Nov

I read the stuff I wrote back then,
and I can see it all again

20 Nov

I hope our civilization lasts and lasts,
so we can find out more about the past

21 Nov

A lesson's not what they expect,
they give the teacher no respect

22 Nov

He was widely loved, so when he died
People stood around, in shock, and cried

23 Nov

The headline writers are really bad,
but the articles are just bloody sad

24 Nov

Laser like focus, concentrated rage,
all of the baggers on the same page

25 Nov

What will solve the problems with Syria and Iran?
Let's all hope that time and talking can

26 Nov

They said that it'd kill us, now they don't like the smell
they can walk away, or go to hell

27 Nov

I doubt if these guys are making much money,
but they're on YouTube and they're seriously funny

28 Nov

I hate lists,
so I'm going to resist,
by changing the tone,
and writing my own

29 Nov

It's a festival of fighting,
with Christmas music and Christmas lighting

30 Nov

fungi that thrive on radiation,
may be the savior of civilization

December,

In which Nelson Mandela died, I got kicked off of the Huffington Post, Megyn Kelly of Fox News declared that it was a historical fact, plain as the nose on your face, that Jesus and Santa Claus were both white, the Chinese began their colonization of the moon (with a robot), and Kim Jong Un dashed any hopes we had of him being a sane and reasonable leader.

1 Dec

It's good to be funny and everyone's trying,
but lying's not funny, it's only lying

2 Dec

His poem was well received upon the stage,
you can see it here upon the page

3 Dec

When you think you've found a different way across
there always is a chance that you'll get lost

4 Dec

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

5 Dec

Is it worth it? not so very
the price of art is arbitrary

6 Dec

What we write, about the news,
is a reflection of our own views

7 Dec

Designed for erotic recreation,
it may have other applications

8 Dec

It was kind of a stupid thing to say,
but his term is over anyway

9 Dec

An original artist might be a star,
but this young lady has raised the bar

10 Dec

Season's Greetings, Happy Holidays,
say what you like, it's all O.K.

11 Dec

This is a bit of a Catch 22,
I really don't know what to do

12 Dec

Megyn Kelly is not too bright,
Jesus Christ could not have been white

13 Dec

Shit in Korea is going to get bad,
Kim's just as crazy as his crazy old Dad

14 Dec

People lie, there is no doubt,
but there are ways to find them out

15 Dec

I hate graffiti but must admit,
sometimes you see something that isn't pure shit

16 Dec

China's landed on the moon,
and they aren't stopping any time soon

17 Dec

Writer's are under a self-imposed obligation,
to raise the level of communication

18 Dec

Harold Camping died

Unsatisfied

Even though he's gone
the world goes on

19 Dec

If it's just malicious, it's not satire,
it's not funny, and you are a liar

20 Dec

A reality show that's really real,
cannot have universal appeal

21 Dec

Some comedians can't really act,
but Robin Williams can and that's a fact

22 Dec

No 1 will ever be able to say that they have lived forever,
not 1 million years from now, or ever

23 Dec

When the internet connection is slow,
it's time to relax and let your mind grow

24 Dec

My favorite season is finally here,
Christmas is done for another year

25 Dec

There are places so remote,
the outside world may never note them

26 Dec

A bit like Colombo and detectives of old,
a crusty old bastard with a heart of gold

27 Dec

Tim plays piano, Tim tells jokes,
I laughed until I very nearly pissed my pants and choked

28 Dec

Be true to the book or be true to the buck.
lovers of Hobbits are shit out of luck

29 Dec

Whatever wonders the future brings,
people are still going to bitch about things

30 Dec

The future approaches, it soon will be here,
we keep moving forward, year after year

31 Dec

I make them and I feel I should,
but New Year's resolutions don't do any good