

RHEETS 2015

A year's worth of rhyming tweets

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Introduction

I started blogging in September of 2011 and have tried to churn out a blog a day since then. By and large, except for a few holiday, vacation, or out of the range of modern technology days (never more than a handful of them in a year) I have succeeded.

This is very good for me. It keeps me writing, it keeps the juices flowing. I have, in that time, put out one novel and several collections of poetry.

Each blog is immediately followed by a short, rhyming tweet condensing its message and promoting it to the world. Those form this book, the fourth in its series: *Twoems* (2012), *Rheets 2013*, *Rheets 2014*, and now *Rheets 2015*. That's well over a thousand poems, probably more than half the poems I've ever written, if we were counting like that, which, fortunately for lovers of literature, we're not. (You can check *Poems from Prague*, *Four Syllables on Water*, *155 Sonnets*, *The This of the That*, and others for lengthier and more significant works.)

I enjoy putting the book together. It gives me an excuse to read back through all of my rhyming tweets for the year (I must confess, despite a lack of sales or international fame and glory, I am my own favorite poet), and also to read through some of the blogs. I'm probably a better poet than I am a prophet. I predicted that Hillary would have a hard time winning the nomination, but I thought her main problem would be Martin O'Malley.

Of course, it was a big political year (remember Jade 15, the plot to take over Texas?), but it was also a year of some personal accomplishments for me. For one thing, I finished my first novel, *The Shit Guru*. It's an excellent book, in my own opinion. An interesting travelogue, a good depiction of life in Prague in the 90s and 00s, an insightful analysis of the Hippie lifestyle, and an entertaining story of a complex life.

It was a year when many new planets were discovered, AI made great leaps forward, I read and reviewed some books, saw and reviewed a few films, and quite a few famous people left this life.

These are the kinds of things I write about.

As poems, most of them are pretty insignificant, but together they are a historical record, a reminder of a year that, like every year, altered the course of human history forever. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I enjoyed writing them.

Willie Watson

January,

in which we get a pet rabbit (her name is Fifi); Islamic terrorists attack the offices of Charlie Hebdo in Paris, which is super messed up because if not being able to take a joke is a central tenet of your religion, and your religion accounts for about 1/7th of the population of the planet, then we have a serious damned problem; I predict that Hillary Clinton will not get the nomination; an Imam in Saudi Arabia denounces the making of snowmen; many new planets are discovered; I read and review a book about zombies, partly because my cousin wrote it, but seriously, it was exciting - "The Thirteenth Step - Zombie Recovery"; King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia dies; and, I learn that Brazil Nuts are not nuts at all, but seeds.

January 1st

So many secrets, underground
when someone digs, they will be found

January 2nd

Male or female, it's all the same,
but we'd like to know because of the name

January 3rd

The future will be strange, no doubt
with the aliens or without

January 4th

Some of the girls are really hot
but gratuitous magic ruins the plot

January 5th

There is more and more and more
of everything that's gone before

January 6th

We're discovering new planets really fast
perhaps we will find one like ours at last

January 7th

If a religion's more than just blowing smoke
maybe they should learn to take a joke

January 8th

There's a fixed routine to a work filled day
if you like your job, then that's O.K.

January 9th

There are a lot of teabaggers, that's true;
which means they're not just stupid, but dangerous, too

January 10th

We can see, and get to know
places we will never go

January 11th

I made a little video, it's not too hard to find
you can even watch it here, if you're so inclined:

January 12th

Some write poems, some write stories, both have their appeal
Putting words on paper is a way to keep things real

January 13th

There are many different religious views,
but if you don't like snowmen,
there is something wrong with you

January 14th

Hucklesmuck should change his tone
he's not done so well with those boys of his own

January 15th

Hillary wants the nomination
but she won't get it by my calculation

January 16th
Moving through the world like dancers
every question has an answer

January 17th
So much of the stuff that's in the news
is not important, even if true

January 18th
Even though Pluto doesn't count
two more planets would raise the amount

January 19th
I didn't get a whole lot done
but I read a book and that was fun

January 20th
Americans are just used to it
but the French aren't taking Fox's shit

January 21st
Republicans are piling on
within two years, Obama will be gone

January 22nd
Fifi is a rabbit, she is a lot of fun
but everywhere that Fifi goes, she poops a fucking ton

January 23rd
I hadn't known this, but now I do
every day you learn something new

January 24th
This should have been posted yesterday
my computer screwed up in a very weird way

January 25th
Although I sometimes get annoyed
computer games are hard to avoid

January 26th

Sarah Palin gave a speech, it was super lame
nonetheless, it seems to me, that she's still in the game

January 27th

If you are too focused on what I can't say
then I don't want to talk to you any way

January 28th

with each new invention, everything changes
the world is becoming stranger and stranger

January 29th

Tradition can be pretty strong
but 2,000 years is not that long

January 30th

If they know how to unboil an egg (and, indeed, they do)
there's no longer any limit to the things that they can do

January 31st

The headline's there to draw you in
even though the story's bland as sin

February,

in which there is an art controversy after Facebook bans Gustave Courbet's 1866 painting "L'origine du Monde" because it's basically a painting of a huge, hairy vagina with just enough other body shown to give it context. In addition to invigorating all the arguments about the difference between art and porn it serves as a reminder that while Victorian England was Victorian, France was still France; Brian Williams got sacked from his newscaster job over a very minor exaggeration, and he's criticized by Bill O'Reilly, who lies his ass off about everything, all the time; Jon Stewart, idol of all American liberals and a darned funny guy, announces his retirement; Afroman, who wrote "But I got High," punches a girl on stage; a spacecraft named Dawn approaches the dwarf planet Ceres and sees some strange lights; and Leonard Nimoy, who played Spock on the original Star Trek, dies at 83.

February 1st

Some people think art should provoke a reaction
I like art that causes attraction

February 2nd

Jokes are easy, jokes are lots of fun
but they are bad people, when all is said and done

February 3rd

Unless we find some aliens, who have superior powers
the universe, the universe, the universe is ours

February 4th

It's beyond a joke, it's not even funny
rich people really have all of the money

February 5th

In the future when they say a baby is 'planned,'
they'll mean his eyes, his hair, his hands

February 6th

Marijuana cures all ills
so, why should it be illegal still

February 7th

It's Dawn on Ceres, and maybe we'll see
a brand new era in history

February 8th

If your friends defriend you than they weren't really friends
and both of you will be better off, in the end

February 9th

You may be a big shot, reading the news
but if you screw up, you deserve to lose

February 10th

I suppose that's how it was bound to be
Rowling's book got changed for TV

February 11th

Jon Stewart's going to leave his show
What happens next, we do not know

February 12th

They made their mark, in different ways
but two great men, were born this day

February 13th

The search for extraterrestrials will shift to higher gear
once we start sending messages, saying "we are here"

February 14th

There is a future for Ukraine
let's hope it happens with minimal pain

February 15th

Some day we'll make it to the stars,
but right now there's some cool stuff happening on Mars

February 16th

Most don't care for poetry, others of us need it
but it seems to me
that recently
more people write than read it

February 17th

The worlds inside each others' minds
are hard to see, are hard to find

February 18th

I liked your work, I was a fan
but you hit a girl, so fuck you, Afroman

February 19th

My blog tonight is rather lame
but I hope you read it just the same

February 20th

Bill O'Reilly told a lie
no need to cry, nobody died
but still, old Bill should say good bye

February 21st

The people of the world get along O.K.
it's the politicians who are in the way

February 22nd

It's not for her gender that I would attack her
but Hillary Clinton's a mother fracker

February 23rd

Words have meanings, and when they change
sometimes our thoughts must be rearranged

February 24th

Keaton was great, Norton was great
but somehow the film was second rate

February 25th

The oil industry will continue to lie,
up until all of the human beings die

February 26th

We're going to Ceres, and that's all right, but.....
HOLY SHIT! Is that a light?

February 27th

It's a sad day for fans of outer space
Leonard Nimoy will never be replaced

February 28th

It will be hard, and they all know
yet there are lots of people want to go

March,

in which Cleveland police and courts continue to be assholes about the murder of Tamir Rice, which took place in November, 2014; a Drug Enforcement Agency officer worries that legalization of marijuana will lead to lots of rabbits getting stoned; Florida Governor Rick Scott tries to discourage state officials from saying things like 'global warming' and 'climate change'; Bristol Palin gets engaged; a good friend of mine, Nick Wedler, dies after coming up too quick while Scuba diving in Sinai; and Martin O'Malley enters the Democratic race. I express optimism about his chances.

March 1st

There's no defense for what this policeman did
he shot and killed a totally innocent kid

March 2nd

Quora seems like an interesting site
I think that I should use it more, and might

March 3rd

DEA officials, get dumber every day
If Rabbits want to all get stoned, why should we stand in the way.

March 4th

The feds keep on busting people for pot
Is there any reason? No, there is not

March 5th

A satellite explosion has occurred.
If it wasn't for social media, we never would have heard

March 6th

Rather religious, but never sainted
Van Gogh painted what Van Gogh painted

March 7th

Men are the more narcissistic sex
but now that we know that, what comes next?

March 8th

Rick Scott doesn't want to hear about "Climate Change"
Rick Scott is more than just a little strange

March 9th

Republicans have sent Iran a letter,
between Obama and Iran, they like Iran better.

March 10th

For richer, for poorer, in winter and summer
the smart get smarter and the dumb get dumber

March 11th

Genius is as genius does
there's no correlation, it's just because

March 12th

So many people come and go
you never, ever, ever know

March 13th

Putin is missing, he hasn't been seen
for about a week, oh what could it mean?

March 14th

Bristol Palin, heart's on fire
now she's gonna be Bristol Meyer

March 15th

Stephen Hawking's life is tragic
what he gave the world is magic

March 16th

Contact with extraterrestrials might still be far away
but it's getting closer every day

March 17th

As we go off exploring space
we're looking for a friendly face

March 18th

There are solutions, I have no doubt
but how in the world can we bring them about

March 19th

Her eyes are wide and innocent, they do not quite reveal
precisely how this terrifying, little monster feels.

March 20th

There's nothing in here very worthy of note
just a cute little poem I wrote

March 21st

I'm computer addicted, this is true
when they break down, I don't know what to do

March 22nd

It's a fact, it has been tested
the mind works better, when it's rested

March 23rd

Life can be long, or life can be short
be careful when doing dangerous sports

March 24th

In solving humanity's problems, it would be a start
if people in high places were more smart

March 25th

It's sort of a nightmarish situation
but Jeb will get the nomination

March 26th

Most pilots are probably regular guys
but someday all planes will be flown by AI

March 27th

If it were the truth, the power and the glory
it wouldn't need to be mandatory

March 28th

If Jupiter were closer to the Sun,
our evolution would have been cut short
before it had even begun

March 29th

If Martin O'Malley gets into the race
Hillary will fall flat on her face

March 30th

What Finland does, the world should imitate
because their record's pretty fucking great

March 31st

It exists, although it really does not
no weight, no mass, no matter...it's just a thought

April,

in which we have a silly argument about how many spaces to leave after a period; I link to a really cool site about solar roadways, which could provide all of our energy needs and do lots of other cool stuff, too, like clearing the snow off of themselves automatically and lighting up in really cool ways; a Las Vegas man named John Noble kills himself because the casino which had promised him free meals for life revoked the privilege after they found out what a pathetic, fat pig he was; Hillary Clinton makes her candidacy official, surprising no one, and Lincoln Chafee and Bernie Sanders quickly follow suit; Justin Bieber gets arrested in Argentina; and Baltimore is consumed by rioting due to continuing police murders.

April 1st

One space or two, one space or two
don't you have anything better to do?

April 2nd

People dying every day
it's way too many, it's not O.K.

April 3rd

Solar roadways would produce
all the energy we can use

April 4th

If you're going to post in a public space
you should be willing to back your case

April 5th

Easter is boring, no need to pretend
but do have a happy long weekend

April 6th

Nobody is sacred, everyone gets screwed
epic rap battles are fucking rude

April 7th

They offered him meals for life, O.K.
but they didn't expect him every day

April 8th

Is there life in outer space, where we would like to go
I suspect the folks at NASA, may already know

April 9th

What do aliens look like? We haven't got a clue
So many different versions, and all of them might be true

April 10th

It's no surprise to anyone
that Hillary is going to run

April 11th

Argentina's got some class
they busted Justin Bieber's ass

April 12th

It's official, Hillary's in
now let's let the debates begin

April 13th

It was a fun night, we had a good crowd
but the pub we were in was just way too loud

April 14th

If all the secret documents were released
the ignorance of the world would be decreased

April 15th

Occasionally, there comes a day,
when I don't have all that much to say

April 16th

3 Democrats running, and more who might
Hillary Clinton is in for a fight

April 17th
We'll never get it out of our mind
and we're going to keep looking until we find

April 18th
A.I. is coming, it's in the works
and some of the droids are going to be jerks

April 19th
We keep the apes inside the zoo
but there they watch the humans, too
and learn to do the things we do

April 21st
It's always better to walk than ride
it was such a nice day to be outside

April 22nd
The conversation had barely started, then very quickly it ended
whoops, I've been defriended

April 23rd
He's back, not quite so crazy as he was before
making videos, I'm looking forward to seeing more

April 24th
I hope this poem means what I want it to mean
I'll read it again in 2019

April 25th
Poetry doesn't have mass appeal
all the better, for keeping it real

April 26th
Obama got a lot of laughs
but was he joking? Only half

April 27th
The foundations of our technology and art
can be traced right to the very start

April 28th

There is a saying, I hope that it is true
that every day, you learn something new

April 29th

They aren't wearing helmets, they have no guns or bats,
armed with just their courage they are making do with that

April 30th

What's happening in Baltimore,
will happen more and more and more
as long as cops kill
which we know they will

May,

in which Ruth Rendell, a different and madly dark writer of murder stories, dies; also John Forbes Nash, the mathematician who was immortalized in the film "A Beautiful Mind"; it was the month Republicans lost their minds over Jade 15, Obama's plot to invade Texas' (seriously); I discover some Miley Cyrus videos, the Backyard Sessions, in which she focuses on singing, which she's pretty good at, instead of trying to convince the world that she's some kind of weird psycho slut, which she's pretty bad at; I take a trip to Cesky Krumlov for a friend's 80th birthday; there is a huge biker brawl in Waco, Texas that left 9 people dead but none of them were killed by police, because they were white; Obama takes some small steps to save the honey bees; Josh Duggar, from a popular TV reality show, is charge with sex crimes; and I publish my first novel, "The Shit Guru (an Expat's Story)."

May 1st

The race hasn't started, it's just the beginning
so Bernie has plenty of chance for winning

May 2nd

She wrote about the psychos, she wrote about them well.
There will never be another, quite like Ruth Rendell

May 3rd

I'm all for private launches, I think it's really slick
but Amazon's new rocket really looks like a dick

May 4th

It's a crazy old world we're living in
but I think that Bernie just might win

May 5th

If this is a tactic, it's rather chilling
luring people in for a killing

May 6th

Things could be better, they could be worse
that is our blessing and our curse

May 7th

A break in the day, a walk in the woods
makes you feel natural, makes you feel good

May 8th

You are a part of the universe, and yet you are apart
understanding where you stand is a mighty place to start

May 9th

Denisovans, Neanderthals, were they short or tall?
...we'll never really know because. we went and killed them all

May 10th

Wacky Walker, Texas Ranger
getting stranger and stranger and stranger

May 11th

Hirsch never said Osama's not dead, or Obama has failed.
All that this amounts to is a quibbling over details.

May 12th

"Do whatever you like" sounds really nice
but even that comes with a price

May 13th

Solar Roadways, don't you know
will take us where we need to go

May 14th

My minds getting fuzzy, my vision is blurred
it's easy to mistake a word

May 15th

Miley 1 was fun,
Miley 2 was ewww,
Miley Cyrus 3 is a classy act
I like the Backyard Sessions, that's a fact

May 16th

A beautiful town, some beautiful friends
another beautiful day comes to an end

May 17th

If you're going to unfriend me, I don't really care
I don't like your stupid meme, no way I'm gonna share

May 18th

If you're going to Waco, try to have some fun
but try not to get in a gunfight, because everybody has guns

May 19th

31 million seems a mighty high number
but that's the number of people than whom I'm dumber

May 20th

It's a serious problem, the bees are dying
Thanks, Obama, at least for trying

May 21st

I'll use this lesson plan again
but I don't know with whom or where or when

May 22nd

It happened about 12 years ago
but now we know, and now we know

May 23rd

The internet's an amazing meeting of minds
most of which aren't that bright, I think you'll find

May 24th

A beautiful mind, yet he's mostly unknown
mathematicians work mostly alone

May 26th

The blog was dead, but has been resurrected;
outside of that, the day was as good as expected

May 27th

It's all about travel, drugs and sex
you'll never believe what happens next!

May 28th

Flowers, trees, birds, bees, and the mighty ocean
there are no bodies at rest, it's all in motion

May 30th

We have different visions of paradise
but a place in the country would be nice

May 31st

O'Malley v. Clinton, sure, that's true
but it's also O'Malley v. Sanders, too

June,

in which Caitlyn Jenner, who once graced the front of Wheaties Boxes as all American athlete Bruce Jenner, poses for the cover of Vanity Fair; Artificial Intelligence takes another step forward as computers figure out how flatworms reproduce, something which had human scientists stumped; Morgan Freeman, actor, narrator, and cool dude, sets up a bee sanctuary in Mississippi; I start a new internet page called Poems About Paintings; a black civil rights activist named Rachel Dolezal is outed as a white woman and nobody, white or black, knows quite what the hell to think about it; Philae, the little robot on a comet, goes back online, apparently re-energized by the sun; a crazy, young, white racist by the name of Dylann Storm Roof kills 9 black people in a church; Bristol Palin, advocate of pre-marital abstinence, is pregnant again; Donald Trump announces his candidacy with a blatantly racist speech; and Greece has economic problems which threaten to force it out of the E.U.

June 1st

The book is done, the season's done
I'm going to relax and have some fun

June 2nd

Goodbye, Bruce and Hello Cait!
I hope you're happy in your new state

June 3rd

A lovely day, the sun was bright
I went for a walk and saw a beautiful sight

June 4th

People of Earth! Look up! Say wow!
We've got flying saucers now

June 5th

Leaving conspiracy theories aside
we know they covered up, and lied

June 6th

The scandal bar has been set too high
Selena couldn't break it if she tried

June 7th

If they don't know the answer, they'll figure it out
AI is here, there isn't a doubt

June 8th

He already has all the fame and the money
so he's saving the bees and making honey

June 9th

I've got a new page, I really do
it's got lots of my poems, but pictures, too

June 10th

This could be funny, this could be great
bring on the Republican debates

June 11th

We have the means to save the Earth
that's not the problem, for what it's worth

June 12th

She's white, she's black, she's done it all
this is Rachel Dolezal

June 13th

Hillary's running, that's nothing new
but to call herself green just isn't true

June 14th

Robotic probes are tougher than men
Philae's come alive again!

June 15th

The writing's chugging along O.K.
in fact today was a pretty good day

June 16th

Donald might not poll very well, true,
'cause all of the others are crazy as hell, too

June 17th

The book is not the paper and the ink;
the book is what the author thought, and what that makes you think

June 18th

Fox News says it was an attack on religious folk
I say Fox News is a fucking joke

June 19th

If her coronation's not going well
Hillary's going to get meaner than hell

June 20th

They grew up together, a lot like each other
and Jeb, it turn's out, is as dumb as his brother

June 21st

Hate, terrorism, crazy guy? We argue all the way through it;
All that is important, is that people not do it

June 22nd

How evil was it really? There's some debate about it
but now the flag is down and we are better off without it

June 23rd

Bernie's a regular sort of guy
who does a good job and that's no lie

June 24th

It's a small win, but it makes me smile
the Stars and Bars is out of style

June 25th

Chris Christie's in the race, and that's not good
He shut down traffic just because he could

June 26th

Bristol Palin loves her lovin'
got another bun in the oven

June 27th

Criticism's not so bad,
there is no reason to be mad,
bristle, rage and burn.
How else are you going to learn?

June 28th

Different talents are given to each.
Lord, Obama sure can preach.

June 29th

Univision and NBC
dumped Trump quite unceremoniously

June 30th

Greece is the birthplace of civilization;
shame about the current situation

July,

in which our daughter participates in a Czech dance program on TV, launching her on the road to superstardom; Scott Walker joins the race on the Republican side, Jim Webb on the Democratic side; I review The Minions Movie, Danny Collins, and The Imitation Game (they're all pretty good), Johnny Depp acts like a huge asshole trying to bring his dogs into Australia; a program called Deep Dream seems to indicate that artificial intelligence thinks Joan Miro is God; we visit a very impressive museum in Liberec called IQLandia; a Minnesota dentist named Walter Palmer becomes the most hated man in the world, at least for a week, because he shot a lion in a most unsportsmanlike manner; and our vacation plans go kerphlooeey, but things still work out O.K.

July 1st

I'm looking for something new to write;
perhaps I'll dream it up, for now, good night

July 2nd

Four candidates now that Webb is in
and any one of them might win

July 3rd

When it's hot, it's no surprise
everyone's energy up and dies

July 5h

Corrupted by love, corrupted by money,
but there were quite a few lines that were funny

July 6th

Have you no hopes, no thoughts, no dreams
of your own, that you just post stupid memes?

July 7th

If you won't give Obama ANY credit
then you're an asshole...yes, I said it

July 9h

I read the words the poet wrote, I hear the words he said
his voice still lingers in the world, even though he's dead

July 10th

The way the world is divvied up is really quite a shame
because basically people are the same

July 11th

Little kids just love to dance
so we should give them every chance

July 12th

To use the brains of masses of mice
to make a computer, well, isn't that nice

July 13th

It's tragic and illogical, but nonetheless I find
words almost never change a person's mind

July 14th

The minions are cute, if you like that stuff
but that's three movies, and that's enough

July 15th

If there are things you want to know
it does not hurt to ask Tarot

July 16th

Depp fucked up, he crossed a line
just shut up and pay the fine

July 17th

So much art on the internet, there's no end to the stuff;
for any into that kind of thing, I guess it's never enough

July 18th

Where minds will wander, only time will tell
but Deep Dream seems to like Miro quite well

July 19th

A science museum's a really fun place
for kids to learn at their own pace

July 20th

Everybody likes a freak show, that is plain to see,
in fact, that forms the basis of reality TV

July 22nd

It was a pretty good film to see
a bit about science and history

July 23rd

There's always a way, from here to there
if we're willing, if we dare

July 24th

Prague is great, no need to pretend,
it's the best place to be, if the world's going to end

July 28th

The original plan got shot to hell,
but plan B's going very well

July 29th

Walter Palmer's a goddamned fool
did he think other people would think this was cool

July 30th

After hours of walking through the woods,
that chocolate cake tasted really good

July 31st

If you want to know what we're doing
tomorrow we're going to go canoeing

August,

in which I read Tarot Cards at an art gallery; Bernie has a feud with Black Lives Matter activists and Trump has a feud with Megyn Kelly and makes jokes about her period; Ashley Madison, a website for people who want to have extra-marital affairs, gets hacked, 34 million names get published, and fallout is pretty close to 0, proving that infidelity is a lot more widespread and socially accepted than anybody knew, or else that sites like these have shitloads of fake accounts; I review The Best Exotic Hotel Marigold, which I liked a lot more than I thought I would; and the name of Mt. McKinley is officially changed to Mt. Denali, which is what the locals always called it anyway, and Republicans, of course, are pissed off about it.

August 1st

A lovely day with our son and our daughter
all together, in the water

August 2nd

He's a contender, there is no doubt
you cannot rule Joe Biden out

August 3rd

Reading Tarot is a piece of cake
no matter how little money I make

August 4th

You all can laugh till you piss your pants
but Donald Trump has a very real chance

August 5th

Surrounded by beauty, surrounded by art
reading Tarot is the bonus part

August 6th

When the heat's too much to bear
nothing gets done and I don't even care

August 7th

The first debate was no surprise
just lots of stupidity and lies

August 8th

Has Donald finally gone too far?
How low can we actually set the bar?

August 9th

How should Bernie Sanders react
to heckler's irrational attacks?

August 10th

It's a shame, a disgrace, an abomination
but Trump will win the nomination

August 11th

The nominees will be Bernie and Don
the choice is clear, the race is on

August 12th

What is poor Hillary going to do
the phrase 'front runner' is no longer true

August 13th

Inside it's hot, outside it's cool
I wish I had a swimming pool

August 14th

The universe still has mysteries to show
we do not know the things we do not know

August 15th

Game of Thrones was a very exciting read
but I do not think that that's how Dragons feed

August 16th

In the elections, of 2016,
it's going to get nasty, it's going to get mean.

August 17th

I don't know why, or how to explain
but if you take your umbrella, it does not rain

August 18th

It seems as if every Republican's plan
is to say the stupidest thing they can

August 19th

Poems should do more than just sound good
they should have meaning, yes, they should

August 20th

People will cheat, it's nothing new
of course they do it on the internet, too

August 21st

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
To tell the truth, I liked it very well

August 22nd

We do not know what is unknown
a lot of great work is never shown

August 23rd

I'm not sure how they think they can tell
but they really don't know me all that well

August 24th

It's all one world, and we're all the same
wherever we're born, whatever we're named

August 25th

If Biden runs now, it's just because
he's trying to harsh my man Bernie's buzz

August 26th

It doesn't matter what his 'girlfriend' said;
he killed himself, and that's why he's dead

August 27th

If the posts that you post are always the same,
that gets to be a boring game

August 28th

If dentists aren't sadists, then how to explain,
they seem to take pleasure in causing me pain

August 29th

One thing in common apes and computers have got:
they are both getting smarter, while human beings are not

August 30th

Just because somebody can paint,
doesn't mean they're smart, doesn't mean they're a saint

August 31st

A mountain by any other name,
would be as tall, would look the same

September,

in which school begins again and I have a couple of interesting new classes; It is discovered that there's such a thing as plagiarism and fraud in the poetry world; businessman Martin Shkreli becomes the most hated man in the world when he buys the patent on a drug which costs \$13.50 a dose and immediately hikes the price to \$750 a dose thus, quite possibly, killing people; Yogi Berra, beloved catcher for the New York Yankees, dies at the age of 90; John Boehner resigns as speaker of the house and nobody knows why, except that he's a giant loser; and a stampede at the Hajj in Mecca kills 769 people, but Saudi officials do nothing about it, because they don't have to.

September 1st

Life shouldn't be so complicated
but that's how some people want to make it

September 2nd

Science, religion, magic and art
each, of the other ones, is a part

September 3rd

Our justice system is two pronged:
Some judges judge right, some judges judge wrong

September 4th

Some books are light, and easy to read
while others fill a darker need

September 5th

Will it work? I do not know
but people need a place to go

September 6th

It's time for me to head back to school
I look forward to it, as a rule

September 7th

I love to go on, and I love to be loud
I really do love to speak to a crowd

September 8th

He used a fake name to sound Chinese
and got his poem published with relative ease

September 9th

The world's a very crowded place
somehow we need to create more space

September 10th

To stand on a stage and control the crowd
that's the most fun that can be allowed

September 11th

The arguments go round and round
but two planes didn't knock three buildings down

September 12th

To meet other species, perhaps we're not ready
...look what happened to Homo Naledi

September 13th

There's still a very long way to go
but Bernie's support continues to grow

September 14th

Even the most ordinary day
brings a few special moments your way

September 15th

Say what you like, and I'll answer back
I won't delete you for talking smack

September 16th

Bernie stepped into the lion's den
and among the lions, he made friends

September 17th

You'll be charged with anti-semitic views,
if the phrase you choose to use
in your tweet, is "fucking Jews"

September 18th
Trump says a lot of crazy stuff
but he still might not be crazy enough

September 19th
Each generation
has a new revelation
about the situation
that we're all passing through

September 20th
The Chupacabra isn't real, and Bigfoot isn't, either
so WHY, when it comes to aliens, am I such a believer

September 21st
Scott Walker is out, that's pretty big
but David Cameron fucked a pig???

September 22nd
Martin Shkreli is no damned good;
I think he should die. He really should

September 23rd
A champion in many ways
Yogi Berra died today

September 24th
It's kind of weird, something is funny
when one candidate gives another one money

September 25th
Oh, what a glorious, beautiful day,
weepin' John Boehner is going away

September 26th
There was a huge crowd, some people got crushed.
Will something be done? I doubt very much

September 27th

When looking for answers, science is best;
but before you test your guesses, you have to have guesses to test

September 28th

There is water on Mars, but they don't really think
that it's going to be very good to drink

September 29th

There's a couple whole months that Christmas has ruined
and now Halloween is coming too soon

September 30th

It's mostly a brand new group of kids
I hope they act better than the last group did

October,

in which Syria descends into chaos, down to the point where nobody knows who's fighting anybody any more; Kevin McCarthy withdraws his name as nominee for Speaker of the House, probably because he, a married with children, family values Republican, was having sex with a lady congressperson who is also a married with children, family values Republican; Justin Trudeau becomes Prime Minister of Canada; Benjamin Netanyahu makes a statement that would immediately be denounced as revisionist and anti-semitic if anybody non-Jewish had said it, i.e. the holocaust wasn't really Hitler's idea, the Arabs made him do it; and I do a Tarot reading at an office party which was on a boat on the Vltava River and really quite a beautiful experience.

October 1st

Kim Davis might be a nasty old bat
but you really can't blame the Pope for that

October 2nd

Let the fun and games begin
Donald Trump is playing to win

October 3rd

The Universe has had a violent past;
what makes us think that we are going to last

October 4th

Syria's a mess, for goodness sake
if Putin wants in, that's his mistake

October 5th

The poetry scene is doing all right
but it could use a few more women writers

October 6th

Lindsey says he can't remember, when he voted 'no'
Sorry, Lindsey, that won't fly. It was 3 short years ago

October 7th

Both guns and cars can be used to kill
and as we know, what can happen, will

October 8th

When you meet somebody new
you never know what they will do

October 9th

Here's a little story, about Kevin and Renee
two U.S. congress types who like to par-tay!

October 10th

There's nothing that's good on TV
it's inevitable, you see
because, after all, it is based on reality

October 11th

I didn't do a lot today, but still a lot got done
I mostly sat around and loafed and had a lot of fun

October 12th

Attention spans are slipping, I don't know what to do,
now that you have read this tweet, look at my blog, too

October 13th

Here comes the debate, it could be fun
but it's just the beginning of a long, long run

October 14th

Rain is lovely, as a rule
makes the air feel fresh and cool

October 15th

In certain fields, it must be understood
just being a pro doesn't mean that you're good

October 16th

Nobody who's in is planning to quit
this election could turn meaner than shit

October 17th

Leaves come down
and turn to brown
on the rain soaked ground.
There they rot and decompose
and then it snows.

October 18th

An impression needs to be funny, not to be exact
But old, Jewish men are funny and that's a proven fact

October 19th

Of all the rumors going round
more than half will be unfounded

October 20th

All right, Canada! Way to go!
Welcome Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

October 21st

If anybody non-Jewish had let this out
they'd be called anti-semitic, there's no doubt

October 22nd

I often forget stuff, and show up late
I'm sorry to see it's a family trait

October 23rd

Webb and Chafee dropped out, and Biden's not running, true.
O'Malley doesn't count, so now we're down to two

October 24th

No political insights. I hope that that's O.K.
Today, my blog is just a tale of an ordinary day

October 25th

Whoever the GOP nominate
will be a terrible candidate

October 26th

We have a lot of holidays, they're a lot of fun,
but wait until they get here, and leave them when they're done

October 27th

Bacon is very bad for you, so the scientists say.
Yet millions of people eat tons of bacon, every single day

October 28th

It doesn't matter what you say
if you mean well, it's probably O.K.

October 29th

Hot girls young enough to be my daughter
a beautiful evening on the water

October 30th

Those were „gothcha“ questions?
Maybe, the Republicans are whiny babies

November,

in which a giant sinkhole opens up in Wyoming; a series of horrific terror attacks in Paris kills many people, most of whom were spectators at a heavy metal concert; facebook starts a new feature in which they remind you of what you posted on that day 3 years ago and I am pretty unimpressed; and an opponent of abortion kills 3 people at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado.

November 1st

The deeper you look, the darker it gets
you have to get below the surface if you want to get wet

November 2nd

For what it's worth, I tend to feel
that a crack in the Earth is a pretty big deal

November 3rd

No two people think the same
you can learn a lot in the course of a game

November 4th

In view of all of time and space
I'm sure that aliens have been to this place

November 5th

Remember, remember, the gunpowder plot
on the 5th of November, oh shit, I forgot

November 6th

As the wind blows, the tree is bent
Sanders will be the next president

November 7th

We think that kids are dumb these days
but they are smart in certain ways

November 8th

There is no bottom that I can see
to the Republican well of stupidity

November 9th

People going freakazoid in every little town
Jesus gonna come back real soon and shut that shitshow down

November 10th

People are open to suggestions
but most of them don't ask near enough questions

November 11th

Political pundits, please take note
Republicans want the stupid vote

November 12th

I admire the writers in NaNoWriMo
but I've never done it, that shows what I know

November 13th

Ain't no ifs, or ands, or butts
Donald Trump is a little bit nuts

November 14th

Terrorism is nothing new
but we are many, and they are few

November 15th

of arguments that get nasty and bitter
a lot are caused by being too literal

November 16th

It seems like the world is turning to shit
but that is only half of it

November 17th

We need the bees and we love their honey
whoever can save them will make lots of money

November 18th

It's not as if a word was simply missed
some serious effort had to go into this

November 19th

What I wrote 3 years ago, then when I look back
and compare to what I'm writing now, I'm on the same track

November 20th

Social Media communication
is still developing, in gestation

November 21st

Life is complex, we're not living it right,
if we try to see things in all black or all white

November 22nd

In the never ending battle for the human race's soul
they have the Koran, we have sex and drugs and rock and roll

November 23rd

The first snow of the year this morning
winter's coming, just a warning

November 24th

Trump isn't Hitler, it just isn't so
but if he were to win it, you never know

November 25th

It took a long time, over a year
but it seems as if justice is finally here

November 26th

He's lowered and lowered and lowered the bar
but Trump may have finally gone too far

November 27th

Black Friday in the USA
but here it's just another day

November 28th

Through all the glitz and gadgets, the message was clear as ice
if we truly want it, the future can be nice

November 29th

Republicans say what Republicans will
they are so pro-life that they're ready to kill

November 30th

Ted Cruz is sort of a special guy
everything he says is a lie

December,

in which Mark Zuckerberg donates 45 billion dollars to charity, which you would think is a world changing amount but, amazingly, the world does not seem immediately changed by it; there is a climate change conference in Paris where all the world's nations sign an agreement to try and clean up the environment, but it's rather short on specifics; Martin Shkreli get arrested, but not for being a profiteering bloodsucker, just for securities fraud; and Debbie Wasserman Schultz pulls some ham handed dirty tricks to try and mess Bernie Sanders up before the Iowa precinct caucuses; and the year ends, the world keeps turning, and life goes on.

December 1st

45 billion's a lot of dough
I hope it goes where it should go

December 2nd

Mass murder in America, it's just another day
but these guys weren't amateurs, and so they got away

December 3rd

It sounds kind of crazy, it sounds kind of strange
but Glenn Beck might be right for a change

December 4th

Read my blog, it's not too long
your arguments for guns are all wrong

December 5th

memes can be good or memes can be bad
but the ones with misspellings really make me mad

December 6th

The universe does not depend upon the human view
I am fairly certain this is true

December 7th

Look again and you might see, what wasn't there before
always something different, always something more

December 8th

We can analyze, speculate and spin
But let us not forget the fact, that Trump could really win

December 9th

We may not understand just what's the deal
But we should be afraid, because Trump's for real

December 9th

If there are no aliens out in space
then human beings will take that place

December 10th

Fake news sites are a menace to society
people who create them deserve to suffer horribly

December 11th

If Trump leaves the party, the party's dead...
Go, go, Donald, go right ahead

December 12th

Black holes are the ultimate mystery
but if we come to one, we will be history

December 13th

Hey, stupid people, you can rant, you can yell
about how much you're not stupid, but....we can tell

December 14th

Is this the start of a revolution
or just more non-binding resolutions

December 15th

If Trump collapses, I will be glad
but all of the others are just as bad

December 16th

The Republicans like to scream and shout
...about war...what war are they talking about?

December 17th

Martin Shkreli's going to jail, doesn't matter why;
it truly couldn't have happened to a more deserving guy

December 18th

The DNC's got a lesson to learn
the spark has caught fire, you can't stop the Bern

December 19th

the Earth is a very rare sort of place
there's nothing quite like it in all of space

December 20th

With the way the media is today
we know what happened by what they DIDN'T say

December 21st

Solstice is the longest night
soon the days will be long and bright

December 22nd

The slow education of Donald Trump
he just learned that Ladies sometimes take a dump

December 23rd

Despite all the raging among all the nations
winter's a time for hibernation

December 27th

I'm glad that all the hoopla's over and done.
The war on Christmas is over - and we won

December 27th

You can do what you like, it's all O.K.
but I'm going back to the old fashioned way

December 28th

Some get nostalgic for the past
but the present's so much better that I'm glad we're here at last

December 29th

Getting things done, getting things done
crossing them off the list, one by one.

December 30th

Jerry Lewis said some stupid shit, big fail;
but Cosby deserves to go - and die - in jail

December 31st

2016, 2016

gonna be the best year that ever has been