

RHEETS 2017

A year's worth of rhyming tweets

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Introduction

In 2017, Donald Trump became only the second mentally retarded person to hold the presidency of the United States. The year was marked by the media, and other politicians, giving him chance after chance to look normal and presidential, and him whiffing it every time.

It was the year in which Hillary Clinton just couldn't shut the fuck up about how losing the election was everybody's fault but her own. WWII still hasn't started yet, but 2017 made it a topic everybody talked about, what with all the Russian conspiracy theories.

It was the year of the most ridiculous cabinet appointments in history, in which it seemed that incompetence was the criteria, rather than something to be avoided.

It was a bad year for the environment, in some ways, and a really bad year for weather, with several bad hurricanes raising hell in Texas, Florida, and, worst of all, Puerto Rico.

It was a year of mass shootings, of police killing civilians, and it was a big year for arguments about guns although, a few months into 2018, it seems this is going to be a bigger one.

It was the year of the #metoo movement, too, which I felt went a bit too far, but then, I'm not a woman.

It was also a year when robots and AI broke new ground, and it was the year self-driving cars started to seem like they might actually happen.

It was a year of drones, but the cool videos and the occasionally story about pizza delivery did not nearly make up for the bombings.

It was a year in which I took a couple of really great vacations, wrote some not-so-great poetry, and had lots of wonderful personal experiences, some of which I wrote about.

And, here is the public record, one tweet per day, more or less. More or less because there may have been a few days I missed, due to being on the road or whatnot, and there might be a couple of times when you see more than one with the same date, which probably means that one was written past midnight and thusly recorded.

Anyway, I hope that you, whoever you are, enjoy them.

Willie Watson

January, in which Donald Trump was inaugurated President of the United States, and the gates to Hell swung wide.

1 Jan

Tonight, I don't have much to say,
but I do hope the Queen's O.K.

2 Jan

The Democrats will not admit,
that their party has turned to shit

3 Jan

Energy is all around,
just to be harvested, just to be found

4 Jan

Bernie Sanders is doing great!
Free Universities in New York State!

5 Jan

How many agencies? There are sixteen.
Who the hell are they, and what does it mean?

6 Jan

We all have a bubble, a personal zone,
bright, shiny bubbles, we all have our own

7 Jan

I don't know the exact criteria,
but some of the work was, for sure, inferior

8 Jan

It's not the end of the world just yet,
but we're closer than I'd like to get

9 Jan

In winter, any way we go,
we leave our prints upon the snow

10 Jan

The teacher can either scream and shout,
or...let the students sort it out

11 Jan

Serious depravity!
Did Donald pay to watch girls pee?

12 Jan

When you meet a stranger on the way,
it's hard to know just what to say

13 Jan

Politicians tend to be creeps,
they can be bought, they can be bought cheap

14 Jan

We might do better at saving the trees,
if we could see what the trees could see

15 Jan

From alternative reality's cornucopia,
why do we always look to the dystopias?

16 Jan

Some poems, some stories, a couple of jokes,
a few old timers but mostly new folks

17 Jan

The pundits just don't understand,
Hillary lost because Hillary ran

18 Jan

Just one letter, one small change,
and the tone of the piece is completely changed

19 Jan

Writing at speed fulfills a need
whether or not there is a reader

20 Jan

Kindle or book, kindle or book, I don't really care.
I read books when I'm at home, but kindle everywhere

22 Jan

Yesterday's rally went super great,
it's a really good feeling: „Love Trumps Hate“

22 Jan

Between what was said and what you heard,
the difference can be absurd

23 Jan

Bureaucracy can take many forms,
but it really shouldn't be the norm

24 Jan

What's written down is out of date,
the world keeps turning and we're always late

25 Jan

That plots are weaker than ever before,
all you need is blood and gore

26 Jan

A trail in the woods, all covered with snow,
has a strange, unearthly glow

27 Jan

Daddy's don't have final say,
in what their daughters do today

28 Jan

A sea of possibilities, is drifting in the void,
that which is intangible can never be destroyed

29 Jan

These protests happened really fast,
perhaps the resistance is here at last

30 Jan

It's silly now to argue, arguing is the worst;
I won't talk bad about her, unless you talk about her first

31 Jan

People have such short memories, so then,
we will get fooled again and again and again

February, 2017, in which Donald Trump launched black history month by opening his mouth and exposing before the world that he didn't know who Frederick Douglass was, I learned a good new technique for classroom control, and NASA got our hopes up with talk of a 'big announcement, which I thought was going to be aliens because they've been discovering exoplanets like crazy and by this point they'd had plenty of time to investigate the signals from the Borra-Trottier systems, but it was just a few more boring exoplanets in the Goldilocks zones.

1 Feb

We can't predict the future, we're living day to day,
we can't predict the future, there really is no way

2 Feb

The grammar is bad, but he's stupid because,
he did not know who Douglass was

3 Feb

He can't go on forever this way,
saying something stupider every day

4 Feb

I have opinions, that is clear,
but they're not always what people want to hear

5 Feb

When you protest (and you should)
any style you choose is good

6 Feb

When they host the event in different places,
it seems that you also see different faces

7 Feb

If you don't want to hear what I have to say,
I'm outta here, have a nice day

8 Feb

AI is not a threat, you know,
unless human beings make it so

9 Feb

Make a list, go on, you know you should.
But probably it won't do any good

10 Feb

The left and the right are too evenly split,
and that's partially why the world's turned to shit

11 Feb

The first film gets a passing grade,
the second one shouldn't have been made

12 Feb

I began to write a poem, I thought I was on track,
but then it took a sudden turn and I never got it back

13 Feb

A lot of people feel the same way I do,
but you'd never have guessed it by watching the news

15 Feb

To me, when writing a blog, it seems absurd,
to go over a couple thousand words

16 Feb

A good night out, among other things,
was quite surprised to see who could sing

17 Feb

Mostly people just scream and shout,
but what is this whole Russian thing about

18 Feb

Global Warming is real, so we must,
get creative in how we adjust

19 Feb

No matter how low the standard is set,
there'll be people who go below that, I bet

20 Feb

Bowling Green, Sweden, what will he say,
tomorrow, tomorrow, and then the next day

21 Feb

NASA's announcement will be out of sight,
if it's that Borra and Trottier were right

22 Feb

3 exoplanets in the Goldilocks zone
still isn't proof that we're not alone

23 Feb

That Deep State exists, no one seems to doubt,
so WHAT ELSE didn't we know about?

24 Feb

Sail across the oceans, go walking in the park,
but the world on which we're living, is spinning in the dark

25 Feb

Tom Perez was a big mistake;
how many do Democrats get to make?

26 Feb

It wasn't technically a lie, see,
but truth is hard for Bill O'Reilly

27 Feb

It's Hollywood, I guess it's fair,
and if it isn't, I don't care

28 Feb

We don't understand why we feel what we feel,
and in that sense, magic is real

March, in which I commented on this new Facebook feature, 'Memories,' which I think is stupid, unnecessary and annoying, Terry Pratchett passed away but we will always have his books, and the magic within, and we all set the clocks an hour forward and had the great annual debate about why we bother doing such a ridiculous thing

1 Mar

Facebook memories are nice, for some,
but I think they're really kind of dumb

2 Mar

It may be a nightmare, it may be great,
and that's why we have to have the debate

3 Mar

Today contains a double win,
the weekend and the Spring begins

4 Mar

Bees do more than pollinate.
They give us honey, and honey is great

5 Mar

Statistics don't amount to much
if you don't account for the decade and such

6 Mar

So many voices, so many words,
I'm still processing all that I heard

7 Mar 2017

Wikileaks is A.O.K.,
they've got the shit on the CIA

8 Mar

Our brains are small,
compared to all
the knowledge that is known,

we must trust each other, we are not alone

9 Mar

science is moving ahead real fast,
so why does space exploration come last

10 Mar

Boots on the ground is mighty bad news,
whichever way things go, we lose

11 Mar

Didn't get much done today,
but the writing stuff is going O.K.

12 Mar

Daylight Savings is a little bit strange,
but I highly doubt if it's going to change

13 Mar

The films I watched today,
were all O.K., in different ways

14 Mar

Good tea, some good music, and lots of good rhymes,
good place with good people, I had a good time

15 Mar

All politicians are sleazy crooks,
so there's always a reason to examine their books

16 Mar

Keep the lessons easy and fun,
that's the way to get things done

Mar 17

Trump would not shake Merkel's hand;
he's kind of a dick, you understand

18 Mar

Yesterday's news is history today,
and I guess it will always be that way

19 Mar

The greats are passing, by and by,
but rock and roll will never die

20 Mar

Sexbots are coming, any day,
and they can be used in more than one way

21 Mar

Some books should not be made into movies,
On the Road was less than groovy

22 Mar

Franken says some pretty cool stuff,
but that is not quite good enough

23 Mar

„I'm President and you're not,"
What an arrogant fucking snot!

24 Mar

Hooray! Hooray! It's a glorious day, the ACA is here to stay!

25 Mar

Mistakes get made, it's understood,
but we're writing more, and that is good

26 Mar 2016

Medicare for All is Bernie's plan,
(not the DNC, you understand)

27 Mar

Methane from the permafrost, released into the sky,
will hasten global warming, so we're all going to die

28 Mar

When fear and frustration inside you are churning,
it can tend to inhibit learning

29 Mar

The stories are comic, more than tragic,
but Discworld is all about the magic

30 Mar

If your phone is off or you leave it behind,
that's no guarantee that they won't find you

31 Mar

O.K., I may have over-reacted,
but nothing needs to be retracted

April, in which Donald Trump managed to screw up the White House Easter Egg Roll, I had a guest from America giving me a fresh look at Prague, Bill O'Reilly, the guy who started all this 'War on Christmas' nonsense, the man who didn't know the difference between a loafah and a felafel, one of the sleaziest men currently in existence, finally got sacked and the world became a slightly better place for it, and we celebrated the arrival of Spring in typical Czech fashion by burning a witch

1 Apr

The day was long, and I'm worn out,
from hearing people scream and shout

2 Apr

Spring is a season not meant to last,
Summer is coming, it's coming up fast

3 Apr

Tonight, I don't have much to say
I'll write more another day

4 Apr

Rhyme and meter, style and tone,
the poetry I like best is my own

5 Apr

Mel Gibson may be a racist jerk,
but he sure did a mighty fine piece of work

6 Apr

Android's can be good or bad,
but don't you make an android mad

7 Apr

I get my news from the internet,
TV is as bad as you can get

8 Apr

Just as pleasant a day as it could be,
I sat around and watched T.V.

9 Apr

Mawlynnong is clean and neat,
all up and down its central street

10 Apr

Some things change, some stay the same,
Prague is an eternal flame

11 Apr

Airline travel has gone insane,
whenever I can, I take the train

12 Apr

Sean Spicer may be evil, as evil as they come,
but I'm convinced that actually he IS that fucking dumb

13 Apr

It's no wonder that all his casinos folded,
he can't even handle an Easter Egg roll

14 Apr

The city, seen through others' eyes,
will always be a fresh surprise

15 Apr

Pulling out tiles and laying them down,
passing the time while the world spins around

16 Apr

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
but the quarry's sides are hella steep

17 Apr

If you want to go to church, O.K.,
but for us it's just another day

18 Apr

Free speech is fine, but the point you're missin'
is nobody else is required to listen

19 Apr

Bill O'Reilly got the sack,
I don't think he'll be coming back

20 Apr

I wonder when, and I wonder whether,
we will all link up together

21 Apr

You can demexit if you want to, and then,
just to make trouble, dementer again

22 Apr

What beautiful thing will they build on this spot?
Oh, fuck, it's a parking lot

23 Apr

The right and the left go out to the extremes,
most folks are somewhere in the middle, it seems

24 Apr

The DNC cheated and then they got caught,
now it's going to court, the way that it ought

25 Apr

Letting the children teach the class,
at least it helps the hour pass

26 Apr

To start a new party? Later or now?
The question should not be when, but how

27 Apr

We play our games and post our memes,
while the rich and powerful steal our dreams

28 Apr

Do not fear technology,
there will still be plenty of jobs, you'll see

29 Apr

Living in the present is fine advice,
but the past and the future can also be nice

30 Apr

Our Carodejnice was quite low key,
we burned a witch on the balcony

May, in which Melania Trump was caught a couple of times on camera refusing to hold the Donald's hand, Donald himself was photographed in what looked very much like a satanic ritual, and Hillary Clinton reached a new low by actually blaming the DNC for her loss

1 May

A kiss, with a flowering tree above,
and you will have a year of love

2 May

Donald Trump does not know much,
about the Civil War and such

3 May

As a human being, he's barely half,
but Jeff doesn't like it when people laugh

4 May

The future of the human race,
depends on getting more women into space

5 May

In the race to develop AI, I think that we should try,
to think a bit less about the A and more about the I

6 May

I'd never choose to lose, that's wrong,
but at least we didn't stay as long

7 May

There's no way for us to know what they were fighting for,
but about 3,000 years ago, there was a mighty war

8 May

A cast of stars, so it was sad,
that the acting was so damned bad

09 May

When I see spelling errors, I get annoyed,
because they're so easy to avoid

10 May

The poetry reading went the way that poetry readings should,
a variety of styles, and some of them were good

11 May

A teacher takes his lesson plan,
from the material at hand

13 May

An intelligent film, it moved kind of slow,
they can't all be action adventures, you know

14 May

There's always so much more to write,
but as for now, I'll say goodnight

15 May

Left and right may fight all night,
but they can't interrupt you when you write

16 May

Trump has quite a few problems with staffing,
but, at least, the Russians are laughing

17 May

If he isn't impeached, then he will win,
and the national downfall can begin

18 May

When good people die, of course we're sad.
But Roger Ailes? That's not so bad

19 May

Is Julian Assange now free to go?
Ask the Brits, they don't think so

20 May

It might be rough, I know that's true,
but impeachment is the right thing to do

21 May

Kimberly Ellis is doing it right
and not giving up without a fight

22 May

When Trump laid hands upon the orb,
evil powers were absorbed

23 May

Melania won't hold his hand,
which is not that hard to understand

24 May

The future's important, which way will we go,
but where we come from would be nice to know

25 May

We need balance to survive, but instead,
we're fucking up the atmosphere and so we'll wind up dead

26 May

The election is long ago over and done,
but Hillary Clinton still thinks that she won

27 May

Make the investigation wide, so there is no place to hide,
and let the chips fall where they may, I say

28 May

AI, AI, let your freak flag fly,
a sexy robot and a nerdy guy

29 May

Tomorrow night is comedy night,
I'd really like to get it right

30 May

Being foreign can have its perks,
feigning ignorance sometimes works

31 May

Just how classless can she be?
Now Hillary's blaming the DNC

June, in which we have some extreme heat, some extreme rain, Trump coins a new word, covfefe, which led to great speculation about what he meant but no details or explanations were ever offered, and we begin our trip to America, so I write blogs from New York, Baltimore, D.C., and North Carolina

1 Jun

Covfefe, covfefe, we don't know what he meant,
and it's sad to know that such a moron is the president

2 Jun

When Trumped opted out of the Paris Accords,
he sparked the wrath of many and more

3 Jun

National Security, my ass.
Bill and Loretta shouldn't get a pass

4 Jun

It was a lovely day, all I could wish,
maybe, perhaps, a few too many fish

5 Jun

The poetry reading had some O.K. stuff,
but the audience wasn't quite big enough

6 Jun

So much stress and so much strain,
gets washed away in the pouring rain

7 Jun

Facebook shows what it wants to show,
and they don't care about me and yo

8 Jun

One door leads to a future, where everything is fine,
the other leads to trouble, so we should read the signs

9 Jun

Too many elections, too close, and why?
Are we really that split or is somebody lying?

10 Jun

It was another poetry night,
the more I read, the more I write

11 Jun

If we become immortal, and I'm sure we will someday,
weekends will go by so fast we won't know what to say

12 Jun

Trump only hires sycophants,
so when he says dance, he knows they'll dance

13 Jun

I'm a nice teacher, I think (of course),
but perhaps today I used too much force

14 Jun

As we colonize outer space,
Hollywood's going to have to keep pace

15 Jun

Global warming is here and it's real,
at least that's how today's heat wave feels

16 Jun

There needs to be some investigations,
followed up with regulations

17 Jun

The game of life is quite unfair,
but those who are winning do not care

18 Jun

This trip will be exceedingly strange,
I've been gone so long and so much has changed

19 Jun

We're in New York, we have arrived,
and I'm quite glad we're still alive

20 Jun

So much to see, so much to do,
the crowds, the heat, the human zoo

21 Jun

Pulsars are really fascinating stuff,
but 15 minutes would have been enough

22 Jun

An American day of food and drink,
and people are pretty darned nice, I think

23 Jun

I am too heavy and yes, I guess,
that means I must start eating less

24 Jun

When people die, they leave behind,
memories in people's minds

25 Jun

Parts of Baltimore are pretty,
others are actually kind of shitty

26 Jun

Far too many things to see,
and hot as blazes in D.C.

27 Jun

A slower pace, a southern town,
and a walk by the river as the sun went down

28 Jun

The sun, the sea, the surf, the sand,
all go together, ain't life grand?

29 Jun

The city probably hasn't changed.

I have though, and that's what's strange

July, in which we visited my home town of Des Moines, Iowa, walked along the High Line in New York City, and returned to Prague, the Chinese did an experiment with quantum entanglement in space which may be a precursor to faster than light travel, or teleportation, but definitely sent a message that China is a major player in space, and then we took a trip to Krakow which, if you've never been there, I highly recommend

1 Jul

Every place you go, you've went,
today, as a day, was a day well spent

2 Jul

It was a blast from the past,
with an all-star cast

3 Jul

The kids weren't impressed with much today,
but the swim at the beach made it all O.K.

4 Jul

When it wasn't raining, the drive was pretty,
tomorrow we'll be in New York City

5 Jul

Arrived in New Jersey, it's late at night,
and tomorrow we'll see a lot more sights

6 Jul

The High Line is green, the High Line is nice,
the High Line is free, that's my favorite price

8 Jul

I know that this is nothing new,
but JFK is a bloody zoo

9 Jul

A statue of something is something to see, a slab of stone is not.
I am not impressed if that is all the artist's got

10 Jul

Today I actually wrote a lot,
but, oh, good lord, it's so damned hot

11 Jul

Oh, what a strange political summer;
as dumb as Trump is, his son is dumber

12 Jul

China's done something very strange,
the future is forever changed

13 Jul

Andy Murray sets a reporter straight.
Now all feminists think he's really great

14 Jul

We get into a rut and always do the things we do,
and don't know what to do
when we encounter something new

15 Jul

Someday we'll have a world where everybody's rich,
but there will still be people who sit around and bitch

16 Jul

Here's a suggestion for that stupid wall,
that would be good for us, one and all

17 Jul

Tulsi, Kamala, Tulsi, Kamala, different as day and night.
Tulsi is a brilliant star, Kamala is Clinton-Lite

18 Jul

People say people are stupid, but,
the question is, compared to what?

19 Jul

It's surprising that she can be so wrong,
when she has been around so long

20 Jul

If you haven't been to Krakow yet,
it's about as scenic as a city can get

21 Jul

There are limits to how much you can say,
so many impressions in one short day

22 Jul

The trip is over, the trip is done,
I'm tired but it was lots of fun

23 Jul

Back in Prague, and it feels good,
but I'm not doing any of the things I should

24 Jul

These stories haven't gone away,
but they have been forgotten,
that's how the media works
because the media is rotten

25 Jul

Trump's Boy Scout speech did not go well,
and it wasn't at all just because he said 'Hell.'

26 Jul

Tulsi's just had a major success,
and #MedicaidforAll is coming up next

27 Jul

Robots are cool, robots are rad,
but they could kill us all if we make them too mad

28 Jul

Of all of the nuts in the White House crew,
Scaramucci must be the cashew

29 Jul

More information doesn't make you wise;
But if you get enough of it, it can open up your eyes

30 Jul

If Chimps have religion and that kind of stuff,
then they're just like us, or near enough

31 Jul

Scaramucci fell flat on his face,
the question is who will take his place

August, in which we cooled off by going to an outdoor cinema, I had some visitors from abroad and attended my first ever Gay Pride Parade, which was great fun, American Nazis rallied in Charlottesville, Virginia, a left-wing counter demonstrator was killed, and Trump praised the Nazis. It was the month in which Trump, despite being warned by everybody, looked directly at the sun during an eclipse, a judge dismissed the Beck v. DNC case* with the stunning statement "We know they are guilty, but we don't really care," (those weren't the judge's exact words, but it was pretty much the intent), and Hurricane Harvey hit Houston, with heavy flooding.

1 Aug

It's over a year, so quite belated,
but murder should still be investigated

2 Aug

According to Trump's latest spokesperson loser dude,
the Statue of Liberty should change her attitude

3 Aug

Outdoor cinema is cool, in every sense of the word
what else can you do when the temperature is absurd

4 Aug

From the top of the mountain, looking down,
you can see for miles around

5 Aug

Wherever you travel, wherever you go,
there's always something there, you know

6 Aug

When robots clean dishes and polish the floors,
we won't have to work any more

7 Aug

Booker says he's for legal pot,
I'd like to believe him, but I do not

8 Aug

If enough people share these views,
then that is the party we should choose

09 Aug

If you're not in the region, you're not involved –
North Korean problem solved!

10 Aug

For richer, for poorer, for better, for worse,
a book is an alternate universe

11 Aug

Lazy days are lots of fun,
and on the way, some things get done

12 Aug

Rather cloudy, not much sun,
but the Pride Parade was lots of fun

13 Aug

It's no surprise the Donald lied;
on many sides, on many sides

14 Aug

Politics, sex, religion and money,
pedantic is not as effective as funny

15 Aug

You choose your words, you make your choice;
Trump now speaks with the Nazi's voice

16 Aug

Fearless Nazi whines and cries
and says that he is terrorized

17 Aug

The insanity has gone too far,
if we can't ban guns, then we should ban cars

18 Aug

There is nothing we can do,
Nazis use social media, too

19 Aug

They say you can't please everyone, and it's true;
So, from now on I'll try to please everyone but you

20 Aug

It's not the word so much as it's the act,
that should be prosecuted, that's a fact

21 Aug

Melania had her glasses on,
she's twice as smart as her husband Don

22 Aug

When the evidence is in front of your eyes,
to not acknowledge it is a lie

23 Aug

4 crashes in just one year,
it's not coincidence, it's clear

24 Aug

People use words, they want to be heard,
if you've got the right thought, then that's a lot

25 Aug

The leaves are brittle, the leaves are brown,
and as they move, they make a sound

26 Aug

The judge's decision was quite unfair:
„I know they're guilty, but I don't care.“

27 Aug

You can click left, or you can click right,
there's more than a blog on this here site

28 Aug

The flood in Houston is bad, and how;
the question is, what will we do now

29 Aug

North Korea issues a dare,
but nobody listens, and nobody cares

30 Aug

For people who are serious jerks,
internet shaming sometimes works

31 Aug

This, right now, is where we are,
we do need change, but it can go too far

September, in which Hillary Clinton wrote a book that people talked about for about a week and then, as predicted, it slipped into obscurity, Morgan Freeman jumped on the anti-Russia bandwagon with an actual call for war and lost a lot of cred among his fans, Hugh Hefner, who was a role model to so many of us, died, Hurricane Maria walloped Puerto Rico and Donald Trump barely made a secret of his unwillingness to help, in some cases actually blocking relief efforts

1 Sep

Bernie Sanders is a total pro,
tells Chris Cuomo where he can go

2 Sep

The police state is getting worse and worse,
there was no call at all to arrest that nurse

3 Sep

Trump doesn't care about people, it's very clear.
He lets it slip almost every day, we cannot help but hear

4 Sep

If the last 5 comments have been your own,
perhaps it's a sign that you are alone

5 Sep

Hillary Clinton wrote a book,
but it's filled with lies and she's still a crook

6 Sep

What is real, and what's fake news,
depends upon the source you choose

7 Sep

Some students are good, and some are real bad,
but a teacher must try to never get mad

8 Sep

More and more hurricanes are forming,
of course, it's all about global warming

9 Sep

Everything she says or writes,
comes across sounding like insensitive shite

10 Sep

Bernie's Army is on the right track,
Beck v. DNC is back

11 Sep

This evening's lesson in history: 9/11/73

12 Sep

There's nothing that we shouldn't talk about,
let's talk, let's talk, let's get it all out

13 Sep

The ocean's vast, the ocean's deep,
and there are secrets that it keeps

14 Sep

Bernie is winning, there is no doubt,
stand against him, you'll be voted out

15 Sep

Sure, we shouldn't use those words,
but your over-reaction is quite absurd

16 Sep

Things might happen that weren't intentional,
when you travel interdimensional

17 Sep

The book is crap, there can be no doubt,
but in a week, all the talk will fade out

18 Sep

I'm sure it had something to do with money,
but damn!! Sean Spicer?? That's not funny

19 Sep

The many jobs that robots will do,
will make life better for me and for you

20 Sep

Morgan Freeman calls for war,
I don't know what he did that for

21 Sep

Singularity, or extermination,
which will be the human destination

22 Sep

Art will last forever, even if the artist is a jerk.
It's not about the artist, it's about their work

23 Sep

Trump talked smack on the NFL,
and the NFL said 'Go to hell'

24 Sep

Some things are real, and some are less so,
do words have meaning? Yeah, I guess so

25 Sep

This whole foofaraw with the NFL,
there's one way in which it might work out well

26 Sep

The poetry reading went well tonight,
things were taken to brand new heights

27 Sep

Puerto Rico gets a shitty deal,
the Jones Act sucks, and should be repealed

28 Sep

I'm sad today, Hugh Hefner's gone,
but the Playboy spirit carries on

29 Sep

When Trump is talking out of his ass,
all the reporters just let it pass

30 Sep

Trump's tweet to the mayor of San Juan
prove he's a pig and needs to be gone

October, in which Spanish riot police gave the Catalanian Independence Movement worldwide recognition and support as they beat protesters, we attended the annual Prague Signal Fest (a show of lights) and I was, as usual, unimpressed, and the New York City Board of Elections admitted they had purged many thousands of people from the electoral rolls prior to the New York Democratic primary, as part of Hillary Clinton's successful effort to steal it from Bernie Sanders

1 Oct

As the Spanish police started beating the crowd,
the call for independence got louder

2 Oct

It's sad when guns are used to kill,
but as long as there are guns, they will

3 Oct

Trump in San Juan, he's two weeks too late,
and still, he's not doing all that great

4 Oct

There are poems I've never published,
and not all are total rubbish

5 Oct

Sure, we killed the Neanderthals dead,
but not before we'd interbred

5 Oct

My books haven't sold in large amounts,
but every one, every one, every one counts

6 Oct

Russians may have campaigned for Trump, they have idiots, too.
Who, and why, I don't know, or what we can do

8 Oct
Cultural appropriation
is just the constant situation

9 Oct
Dianne Feinstein is a nasty old bat,
who can disagree with that?

10 Oct
If you're not a reader, I'm sorry to say,
the mistakes in your spelling will give you away

11 Oct
Fires, floods, and hurricanes,
in a world that's gone insane

12 Oct
We have many points of contention; indeed we do,
but politics is the worst, I'm sure that's true

13 Oct
A book to compile and poems to write,
but not tonight, but not tonight

14 Oct
Lights can be lovely, when they're done right,
but that's not what I saw tonight

15 Oct
So much happens in any one day,
just the stuff that's along the way

16 Oct
It's true what Woody Allen said,
there are some women who want all men dead

17 Oct
The earth revolves around the sun,
and we are evolving, we are not done

18 Oct

It wasn't comforting, not at all,
if you can't do better than that, don't call

19 Oct

Uranium is valuable stuff,
did the Russians get enough?

20 Oct

The latest purge at the DNC,
is quite an ugly sight to see

21 Oct

The world is going in the wrong direction,
right wing creeps are winning all the elections

22 Oct

In the modern political scene,
why is it so hard to be Green?

23 Oct

Harvey is gone, it's time to rebuild again,
but not if you support Palestinians

24 Oct

The words come out of the nebulous fog,
and an everyday dream is turned into a blog

25 Oct

Hillary, Hillary, Flake and Trump,
here's my Wednesday opinion dump

26 Oct

The board of elections for New York City,
admits the truth, and the truth ain't pretty

27 Oct

The truth is hidden from our eyes,
but 50 years later, there are few surprises

28 Oct

If you only talk with those who agree,
then there is no point in talking to me

29 Oct

A lot of words may well get writ,
that doesn't mean they won't all be shit

30 Oct

Manafort, Popadopoulos, Gates,
if this is just a start, that's great

31 Oct

Kevin Spacey screwed up real bad,
but it doesn't make me all that mad

November, in which Robert Mugabe, who had been destroying Zimbabwe since 1980, was finally forced from office, there was a lot of pressure on Al Franken to resign because he took a pretend honk-honk picture with a woman who was with him on a USO tour, who was fully clothed, whose own routine was not exactly void of sexual entendre, and another full grown lady says he touched her on the butt at the State Fair while her husband took a photo, while down in Alabama, Republican Senate nominee Roy Moore, who'd been banned from a mall for always hitting on little girls, excused himself by saying the Virgin Mary was only a teenager when she had Jesus

1 Nov

If your parents are losers, you're not to blame,
but you might have to live with a bit of the shame

2 Nov

Donna Brazile, I am happy as pie,
for the moment I'm not even questioning why

3 Nov

The president's twitter account got yanked,
that was a rather funny prank

4 Nov

California progressives should have no doubt,
the main thing is forcing Feinstein out!

5 Nov

Remember, remember, the gunpowder plot,
it's the 5th of November, I almost forgot

6 Nov

I hate guns, I really do,
but I'd like to talk about other things, too

7 Nov

In all of creation, we have a small role,
but we are the pieces that make up the whole

8 Nov

A potluck dinner is where it's at,
but OMG, now I feel fat

9 Nov

Change is coming, it has begun, the
redneck lost and the Socialist won

10 Nov

Between two historical incidents,
some remarkable coincidences

11 Nov

It's not immoral, it's not obscene,
the Virgin Mary was only 18

12 Nov

Tweets are just one thing but, sadly,
all Trump does, he does quite badly

13 Nov

A busy day, I'm glad it's done,
but every class was a lot of fun

14 Nov

Retro-futurism is fun!
Let's re-examine what might have been done

15 Nov

The world keeps turning, as it should.
Mugabe's out, and this is good

16 Nov

Investigate, investigate, investigate them all!
Democrats, Republicans, up against the wall!

17 Nov

What Franken did was not so bad,
but a lot of the ladies are equally mad

18 Nov

When situations do arise,
as they will, we aren't surprised

19 Nov

Nothing's right, and nothing's wrong,
and anything can be a song

20 Nov

Punish him! Punish him! Guilty or no!
I don't think that's how we should go

21 Nov

If you're banned from a site, it is evident,
that you were winning the argument

22 Nov

Oh, his face turns purple and he huffs and he puffs,
if people don't say ,thank you' enough

23 Nov

The month's 4th Thursday, and the last, are usually the same.
But, this year they weren't, so you learn something new every day

24 Nov

The kids were very sweet today,
but mostly they just want to play

25 Nov

We can have unity, it's plain to see,
if there are issues on which we agree

26 Nov

If the machine were working, and everyone was involved,
it wouldn't be very long before, our problems would be solved

27 Nov

The Pocahontas joke that Donald told,
was never funny, is racist, and is old

28 Nov

An explosion of light, when your thoughts are all dark,
was a lovely day for a walk in the park

29 Nov

A poetry reading counts as good,
if people laugh when I think they should

30 Nov

Poems or novels or blogs or whatever,
writing is writing and will be forever

December, in which there was a bizarre incident of domestic violence in America's favorite dysfunctional family, the Palins, and a horrible Amtrak accident, and the U.S. Center for Disease Control was told by the White House not to use 7 words: diversity, entitlement, evidence-based, fetus, science based, transgender, and vulnerable

1 Dec

Flynn pled guilty, but no one knows,
who will be the next to go

2 Dec

A wonderful time was had by all,
but so much food I couldn't eat it all

3 Dec

The weekend's frittered away and gone,
tomorrow is there to carry on

4 Dec

It was pretty, falling slowly,
in the early morning's glow,
winter's first snow

5 Dec

Sat around and watched TV,
but even there, there are things to see

6 Dec

Punishing an innocent man,
is not the greatest political plan

7 Dec

Unfriending is quick, and easy, and fun,
I always feel better, once it is done

8 Dec

He isn't making anything great,
when he talks about the United Shtates

9 Dec

You want a correction but won't show me where;
really, now, that isn't fair

10 Dec

The things you see can make you blind,
in dark alleys of the mind

11 Dec

No matter how well the lesson is planned,
there are always some students who don't understand

12 Dec

Sean Parker has billions, and that isn't a fault,
but I'm taking his words with a bucket of salt

13 Dec

Moore lost, Jones won, that's good, as such,
but it really doesn't mean all that much

14 Dec

I was rather late to school today,
but I guess it all worked out O.K.

15 Dec

It's not enough for them to win,
they need to smirk, to rub it in

16 Dec

7 words the CDC can no longer use,
it's both inefficient and it's language abuse

17 Dec

Here's a poem I wrote today,
I hope you like it, by the way

18 Dec

To travel by train should be comfortable, reliable and not dangerous,
but Amtrak seems incapable of making their trains safe for us

19 Dec

Track wanted his truck, but Todd said no,
So, Track tried to trash the family home

20 Dec

It may not be good to write about what I'm going to write about,
but I want to finish writing my blog before the night is out

21 Dec

Tough talk and threats don't work so well,
once somebody tells you to go to hell

22 Dec

Funny can just be a part of a show,
or part of a tragedy we all know

23 Dec

All of the preparations are done,
and we're here at the cottage, so Christmas has begun

24 Dec

Short blog tonight, the computer was slow,
and it lost the first draft, wouldn't you know

25 Dec

Corrupt politicians are out of control, there's nothing that can hobble
,em,
but it's a mistake to think the Electoral College is the problem

26 Dec

The ancient world was interlinked,
far, far more than we used to think

27 Dec

Some people think that Shakespeare didn't write all Shakespeare's plays,
but that was very long ago, in dark and shrouded days

28 Dec

The U.S. is losing all credibility,
which might be good for the world's stability

29 Dec

If you do something every day,
it should get easier, they say

30 Dec

Calling the cops in the USA
can get people killed and that's not O.K.

31 Dec

New Year's Resolutions, it remains to be seen,
if they'll be fulfilled in 2018