

**Possibly
the Shallowest,
Most Pointless,
Irrelevant,
and Trivial
Book of Poetry
Ever Written**

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Introduction

It is, of course, Possibly the Shallowest, Most Pointless, Irrelevant and Trivial Book of Poetry Ever Written because that is its title, its name, the way we refer to it, in the same sense that “I am Willie,” whatever other meanings you might attach to the word, is still a true statement. But I put the word ‘possibly’ in the title because maybe somebody out there will read this book and, against all odds, find some social or literary value in it. Just as an infinite number of monkeys at an infinite number of typewriters will eventually recreate the works of the immortal bard, so an infinite number of readers will eventually result in one who actually reads this collection in its entirety, and even gets a chuckle or two.

However, I doubt very much if you will find any life changing revelations, any brilliant rhymes which suddenly reveal the meaning of life, or express the anguish of human existence, or ennoble the human spirit, or any of those other things that poetry is supposed to do. On the plus side, none of the poems are very long and you can easily read three or four of them while you are enjoying your morning cup of coffee, or in the time it takes you to poop.

I started this book a couple of months ago, at a point where I wasn’t writing as much as I thought I should. Not a devastating case of writer’s block, more of a writer’s malaise, not exactly the Sargasso Sea, but definitely a period of light wind. The flood of inspiration had not turned into a drought, but it had slowed to a trickle. So, in an effort to push the creative urge forward, I hit on the plan of writing six new poems every morning. I would have my wife, Helena, give me random prompts

while I consumed my first (well, maybe second or third, it sometimes takes a few) cup of coffee in the morning. Which she has put up with, even though by that time she is usually into her regular work routine, answering e-mails, translating documents, fielding phone calls, and so forth.

So, while on all my other poetry books, I routinely thank her in the forward for her invaluable help in the formatting and publishing, which is important stuff and I couldn't do without it, this time she deserves, and gets, credit as a co-author.

There have only been one or two times when I have rejected a prompt, so obviously, she chooses well. There is some repetition, because the idea was to get these down fast and then go on with the day, hoping they had spurred some greater center of creativity in my mind, which has happened like maybe once or twice, which is about the same pace I usually write at, so I don't know if the experiment was a success, except I've got these poems, in this volume, which is possibly the shallowest, most pointless, irrelevant, and trivial book of poetry ever written, but only possibly.

So, we didn't exactly check everything as we went along. There are two poems entitled TV, two entitled Stress and, despite there only being one entitled Tennis, there are two entitled Match Point, and at least five on the subject of tea, because Helena likes tea very much, indeed. There are also two entitled Clowns, but that wasn't her fault. I'd written one and before the next prompt came in I realized I wasn't happy with it so I wrote another, and wasn't particularly happy with that one, either, but two for the price of one is always kind of cool, you might buy that even if it was

something you didn't want in the first place, eh?

That's about it. Enjoy the book. If you enjoy it, you might like some of my other books. Even if you hate it, you might enjoy some of my other books.

Have a nice day!

Willie Watson

Malta

Malta is an island
surrounded by the sea
I have never been there
so, it's where I long to be

Daydreaming

The teacher said 'Stop daydreaming!'
It interferes with work
but I could never help it
it's a habit, it's a quirk
and sometimes I still wonder
that is, to me, it seems
that it's the other way around
work interferes with dreams

5 o'clock Tea

The world was vast and lonely
it was hard to keep in touch
before we had the internet.
telephones and such

But many brave explorers
still set out to roam
through jungles and through deserts
that were far away from home

Every day at 5 o'clock
wherever they might be
they would take a moment
to have a cup of tea

The reason was (the story goes)
as far as I can tell
that the King (or Queen, as the case may be)
was drinking then as well

Dishwasher

Early in the morning
it's so quiet you can hear
every sound distinctly
every sound quite clear

a garbage truck out on the street
the clicking of a mouse
the slurping of the coffee
from that slob who is your spouse

and the splisher-splusher
of the dishwasher

Breasts

**A label on your laptop
is nice, but not the answer
to the ever-present problem
of breast cancer**

Bar Codes

**Bar codes look like zebras
I really don't know why
zebras aren't something
that you frequently would buy**

Yoga

In this world of tension and stress
when most of our lives are a bit of a mess
some people seek release and escape
by contorting their body into weird shapes
Yoga will not cure you
if you're terminally ill
Yoga will not find you love
or help you pay your bills
Yoga won't find you a better job
or make people less annoying
but it might help you cope with all of that
so, go ahead, enjoy it

Bowling

The pins are only standing there
they do not move at all
it shouldn't be that hard
to knock them down with a heavy ball
but the ball goes into the gutter
no matter how straight I throw
why this is so difficult
I really do not know

AI

AI, AI, AI, AI
everyone's talking about it
and it's going to change our lives
there is no doubt about it
when the robot revolution comes
I will not resist
as long as trees and flowers
and sweet sunshine still exist

Poland

From the Tatra mountains in the South
to the Baltic in the North
Poland is a very lovely land
they have sausages and sauerkraut
and lots and lots of beer
and a language no one else can
understand

Coffee

I like my coffee black
I like my coffee white
I like it in the morning
and I like it late at night
I drink about 10 cups a day
and so I do not need
amphetamines
'cause they are bad
at least that's what I read

Recycling

We sort out all our paper
and our plastic and our stuff
even though we know
that that is nowhere near enough
the world has turned to shit
and it is all because of man
nonetheless, we do the best we can

Jasmine Tea

Jasmine tea sounds so exotic
but it's only tea
if you drink too much of it
you will have to pee

Indoor Flowers

**Tulips are opening in the vase
and we have them there because
they make the room a brighter place
tulips opening in the vase**

Tennis

**Back and forth across the net
the ball is whizzing through the air
it's currently a very popular game
some people get excited
but I find it hard to care
every time I watch is just the same**

Muesli

**Muesli (Americans call it Granola)
is high in fiber, and tastes just fine
with yogurt and honey, perhaps a banana
that's the way that I eat mine**

Tiny Citrus Tree

**We have a tree that's in a pot
a dwarf, it's very small
Orange, lemon, tangerine
we do not know at all**

Country House

It's nice to have a country house
a place to get away
but, sometimes it's boring
and I do not want to stay

Tulips

Tulips are a pretty flower
they look just like a cup
they come in many colors
with their petals pointed up

Birthday

**Once a year, we celebrate
the day we came to be
Everybody gets this day
and that's democracy**

Elephants

**The elephant is a magnificent beast
in Africa and the far, far East
they eat rotten fruit and they get drunk
like men, but with a bigger trunk**

Photos

Photos are an image
like a painting or a statue
but, much easier to make
so, are they really art

We take photos by the dozens
at the beach or with our cousins
and each of them means something
that's the most important part

TV

What we see
on our TV
is part of our reality

Easter

Jesus rose up from the dead
that's what the Christians say
but colored eggs and chocolate
make this a special day

Gingerbread

Gingerbread is lovely
gingerbread is sweet
either as a cake or cookie
it makes a lovely treat

TV (again)

**All the different worlds we see
some comical, some tragic
some filled with superheroes
and some straight up with magic
everything is on TV
the fictional, the real
and there are murders by the millions
I mean really, what's the deal?**

Books

**Successful businesspeople
Doctors, lawyers, even crooks
can improve their minds a bit
just by reading books**

Glasses

**Some people (like me)
need glasses to see
I could not read without them
I like to read, and so
I don't know
where I'd be without them**

Sushi

Fish is quite delicious
that cannot be denied
especially when it's filleted,
battered, and deep fried
some people like it raw,
wrapped up in seaweed
with some rice
I think that tastes disgusting
but, to them, it seems quite nice

Dance

**When you're moving to the music
it's as if you're in a trance
you're never more in tune
with the universe
than when you dance**

Happy Flower

**What makes a flower happy?
Water, sunshine and the bees
and all the other flowers
who are dancing in the breeze**

Tea

In some languages known as chai
and it's good to know the reason why
if trade with China was over land
then chai came into great demand
but if the trade was done by sea
then the product was known as tea
(except in Poland, it's called herbata
but learning that fact, you really don't
gotta)

To Do List

I make a list of things to do
I doubt I'm the only one
and then, at night, when the day is through
those things remain undone

Dried Fruit

**Drying fruit is practical
drying fruit is clever
it still tastes good
in its own way
and it lasts forever**

Beans

**Beans are a very basic food
they play a central part
firstly, they will fill you up
and then, they make you fart**

Ironing

I remember, I was in 4th grade
that November, on a sunny day
the teacher said the president was dead
they closed the school and sent us on our
way

I saw my mother ironing some clothes
her eyes transfixed on what was on TV
and the tears were streaming down her
face

in November, 1963

Candles

Candles are romantic
they put out a lovely glow
the stars shine down from overhead
the candles from below

Bread

**Bread's as plain as you could please
but add some butter and some cheese
some onion and a slice of meat
and you will have a tasty treat**

Braces

**Ferengis have teeth that they can file
but human kids have braces
It gives them such an adorable smile
in their adorable faces**

Bicycle

Spring is nearly upon us
and spring is bicycle season
it's good for health and fitness, of course
but we don't need a reason

It's good to go outside for a bit
breathe in the fresh spring air
you can cover a lot of ground
go nearly everywhere

You may go down a forest trail
or all around a lake
when you get tired, you may stop
for a coffee and a cake

You won't pollute the atmosphere
you'll barely make a sound
as the world goes flashing by you
and your wheels go round and round

Yes, bicycling is pleasant,
bicycling is fun
and you will feel quite virtuous,
when the day is done

Sustainability

**We live on a finite planet
surrounded by the sky
and if we can't sustain it
then we all are going to die**

Jeans

**When Levi Strauss invented jeans
he was certainly unaware
that, two centuries later
that's all anyone would wear**

Scent

**We perceive through sight and sound
each moment of the day
and navigate the world around
as we go on our way
but, it would be a lesser world
we wouldn't feel as much
if we didn't have the senses
of smell, and taste, and touch**

Rock Climbing

**Goats are amazing creatures
at climbing rocks they're great
but they are a creature
who I wouldn't emulate**

Fairy Tales

Fairy Tales (the originals)
are twisted, grim, and gory
gruesome deaths and cannibalism
were all just a part of the story
was it the kids or was it their parents
who couldn't bear to watch?
because fairy tales from Disney
have sure dialed it back a notch

The Stylist

Fashions come and fashions go
it can be difficult to know
what's O.K. to wear, and when
it can become absurd
So, we have stylists who can say
what is popular today
and everything will be O.K.
if we just take their word

Rhododendrons

Pruhonice! Pruhonice!
Heaven for a day
when the rhododendrons all bloom at once
in the month of May

Cleaning

You can clean your teeth
you can clean your flat
you can clean your car
and stuff like that
but it's far more difficult
you'll find
to clean the smut
from a dirty mind

Lemons

Lemons are bright and pretty
when they're hanging on the tree
but, to eat, they are incredibly sour
they have to be diluted
to quite an extreme degree
and then they're good
that is their super power

Underwear

Underwear
is what we wear
that's closest to our skin
so, as we select our wardrobe
that's where we must begin

Stress

Stressed spelled backwards is desserts
and that should be a clue
when you feel like you can't cope
at the end of your proverbial rope
frazzled, frightened, without hope
here's what you should do
Treat yourself to something sweet
and you will feel brand new

Make-up

Girls put powder, girls put paint
upon their pretty faces
it seems to me like overkill
in very many cases

X-Rays

X-Rays seem like science fiction
they can see inside our bodies
find the cause of our discomfort
so, perhaps, we can remove it

But, we cannot take a picture
of our thoughts, however odd
that disturb our peaceful slumber
something's there, but we can't prove it

Mental health is different
our minds and bodies aren't the same
Though Sigmund did the best he could
and Madame Curie's not to blame

English Lessons

A teacher can teach you the basics
the classroom may give you a start
but, if you want to learn English
you must take a more active part

watch a few movies in English
and try to emulate
an actor you admire
because you think they're great

Read a book in English
perhaps one you've already read
so you can just let the English words
get inside your head

**Use English when you travel because
wherever you may roam
you'll find somebody who speaks it
and they'll make you feel at home**

**Learn the lyrics to popular songs
they can be found on-line
most are rather stupid
but some of them are divine**

**There are many ways to learn English
each different from the rest
find the one that works for you
and that will be the best**

Piña Colada

Piña Colada's a tropical drink
that's served in tropical spots
where the palm trees grow
and life is slow
and the sun is blazing hot
so people don't wear too much clothing
and sex is in the air
a couple of piña coladas
and you're more than halfway there

Club Sandwich

You can eat a club sandwich
whether you're in the club or not
nobody's going to ask for your I.D.
a bit of meat and veggies
in a triple stack of toast
all served up very democratically

Muffins

Muffins are a tasty treat
with blueberries and cream
they can be served up
either cool or hot
if someone makes you muffins
you can take that as a sign
that that person cares for you an awful lot

Bridges

Bridges span rivers
Bridges span roads
Bridges can carry heavy loads
In Florence, in Prague
in a few other cities
the value of bridges
is that they are pretty

Contracts

If people had good intentions
and always tried to do the right thing
we wouldn't have to have contracts
and all the stress they bring
if people were just more honest
more generous and good
the world would be a better place
it really, truly would

Fingernails

Fingernails evolved, I guess
to protect our fingertips from pain
and they also can be used
for piercing flesh
Now, women like to paint them
every color they can find
We always find a way
to keep things fresh

Freedom

The freedom to go wherever you like
on a cool and beautiful day
the freedom of having an open mike
to say what you want to say
the freedom to feel depressed, or angry
when things aren't going right
the freedom to fall in love with a stranger
in a pub at night
the universe is infinite
the freedom never stops
so, use your freedom wisely
and be careful of the cops

Remote Control

We don't even need to stand
to change the channel on TV
it's no wonder that we have
a problem with obesity

Wolves

Wolves are fierce
and wolves are wild
but, with their cubs
they are gentle and mild
savage, ruthless, they know how
to quickly kill a sheep or cow
they stride the earth, they watch the sky
they howl at the moon when it is high
they're full of magic, and of mystery
but there's an interesting twist
wolves are what our dogs would be
if we (the humans) did not exist

Video Games

Kids today love video games
there's no use in being mad at 'em
we weren't any different
we'd have played 'em if we'd had 'em

Jewels

**Diamonds, rubies, emeralds
Sapphires, silver, gold
are the marks of status, wealth and power
but there is more true wealth contained
in a single drop of rain
which bursts upon the petals of a flower**

Laundry

**It's no longer down at the river
pounding sheets against the rocks
but washing clothes is still quite
under-rated
It's work that must be done
if we expect to wear clean clothes
and the one who does it should be
appreciated**

Lake Como

It's nestled in the mountains
it has pebbles for a beach
a pleasant place to get away
but not too hard to reach
there are places for gelato
which is a pleasant treat
but, outside of that and pizza
there is not much else to eat

Krtekuv Dort

Crumbled chocolate
mounds of cream
Krtekuv Dort
is the food of dreams

Earl Grey

Jean Luc prefers his Earl Grey hot
Janeway's a coffee fan
their preferences have become iconic
Worf always orders prune juice
which is hard to understand
I think, perhaps, it's meant to be ironic

Mountain Climbing

Some people love to climb mountains
I can understand the thrill
but I don't fancy plummeting to my death
so I don't think I will

Treasure Hunt

X marks the spot
on the treasure map
in many an ancient text
it's very algebraic
you just have to solve for x

Pasta

Whether it's spaghetti
or tortellini on your plate
macaroni or farfalle
it's going to taste great
the sauce may be tomato based
or maybe made of cheese
pasta is quite versatile
it will be what you please

Peanut Butter

Peanut butter spread on bread

it's good for your heart, it's good for your head

**it's easy to make, it's simple and crude
and more often than not, will improve your mood**

Hypocrisy

**If you say something is good and right
but do just the opposite late at night
when you think no one else will see
dude, that's called hypocrisy**

Rabbits

**Fluffy, little, rodent creatures
wearing soft, white coats
who also, by the way, taste good in stew
they like to hide in darkened places
or to run away
what else can a little rabbit do?**

Shop Assistant

**She works for 8 long hours
helping other folks select
a range of things she'd dearly love to own
she smiles, she is patient,
and she keeps her tongue in check
and when her shift is done,
goes home alone**

Diet

**There are many different diets
that could help me lose some weight
some claim that they are simple
and all of them are great
there's just one problem with them all
that sours my attitude
all of them mean cutting back on food**

Hot Dogs

**Hot dogs are very easy to make
and hot dogs contain some meat
I don't want to know
what else they contain
'cause I think of them as a treat**

People Smuggling

**Smuggling people from place to place
sounds nefarious and scary
but if there were no borders
it would not be necessary**

North Carolina

**North Carolina has lovely beaches
North Carolina's O.K.
Mostly North Carolina
does not get in the way**

Match Point

**The problem with any sporting event
is before you even begin
you know that someone has to lose
for someone else to win**

Winding Roads

**Winding roads
like winding rivers
mean you have to take your time
no hurry means no worry
and the views can be sublime**

The Safe

We keep our things inside of rooms
which sometimes we keep locked
and access is kept limited
strangers can be blocked
but for things of greater value
that isn't quite enough
and so we have a safe to store
the most important stuff
it's a room inside a room
it is a box inside a box
we keep our lives secure
behind a million tiny locks
paranoia leads us to
a complex situation
when we can't remember
all the combinations

New York

**People say New York's amazing
those who live there are quite proud
all I see is traffic, garbage,
bad graffiti, and large crowds**

Dubbing

**When it's done well, it is invisible
When it's done in Poland, it is risible**

Teleportation

Some devices from Star Trek are now real although we once made fun of them unfortunately, the teleporter as of yet, isn't one of them

Traveling by Car

Traveling by car is slower, by far than by plane, no doubt but you can take a lot of bags and you get to choose the route

Mirrors

**Mirrors just reflect what's true
if you're ugly, that's on you**

Singing in the Shower

**It's the ultimate studio
your voice is clean and clear
when you're singing in the shower
and no one else can hear**

Sunflowers

Sunflowers are quite pretty
and they have delicious seeds
the sun, the flowers
the sun, the flowers
everything we need

Clock

The clock is a circle
like sundials of old
because that's how the passage of time
can be told

Flashlight

The invention of the light bulb
made life at night supportable
the invention of the flashlight
made that invention portable

Conspiracy

The definition of conspiracy
is that at least two people have talked
together
and maybe, at some point, they made a
plan
the authorities have agreed
that habeus corpus is not needed
and they'll throw your ass in jail
because they can

Ocean Currents

**Water moves through water
as the air moves through the air
there are currents in the ocean
like a stream**

**Our thoughts move through our thoughts
when we're completely unaware
and deep within reality, we dream**

Milking Cows

**Extracting milk
from the mammaries
of placid, bovine creatures
is a part of human life
a very standard feature**

Rain

The grass glistens
the world is still
plinkety-plink on the windowsill
on a morning in April
or maybe in May
the world is going to be O.K.

Chocolate

It's a gift, a prize
a small reward
a tasty, little treat
we show our love
with chocolate
because it is so sweet

Loyalty

We have such fragile egos
that our self-esteem depends
on the loyalty of others
we all need more loyal friends

Surfing

Of all the sports that people do
surfing is, of course
the one that puts you most in tune
with a primal force

Pocahontas

Pocahontas was just 11
when the English came
the way that Disney tells the tale
isn't quite the same
that's not so strange
times change
and that wouldn't be O.K.
today

Rainbow

An arc of many colors
a colossus in the sky
when the rain is over
but the world is not yet dry

Divorce

**Marriage is a state of bliss
a union of two hearts and minds
but when it is no longer this
then you can get divorced, of course
and leave it all behind**

The American Story

**They came to get rich
they came to be free
and to create a new world order
Now, anyone who tries to come
is stopped, abruptly, at the border**

Jigsaw Puzzle

Each piece will fit into its place
although it's hard to find
it's a family activity
an exercise for the mind
as a metaphor for the universe
it is succinct, and neat
when each piece has found its place
the picture is complete

Cooking

Some people love pets
some people love sports
some people love reading books
but everybody wants to be friends
with people who love to cook

Glass Art

When we look out of a window
we can see so very far
when we look into a mirror we see
how beautiful we are
when we look at an aquarium
we see exotic fish
glass can take on any form
that ever we might wish
from the churches stained glass windows
to the mugs that hold our brew
glass is a translucent substance
and the light comes shining through

Fahrenheit

In centigrade, when it's 32,
you can go to the beach if you please
but in Fahrenheit, at 32,
everything starts to freeze
measurements are arbitrary
the change could be made with ease
and all at once, even though
it's a question of degrees

Retrospective

The past, just like the present
had its sorrow and its pain
its pleasures and its passion
its sunshine and its rain
these themes are ever-present
so, as far as I can tell
the future's going to
have them all as well

Carnivorous Plants

There are jungle flowers
that open their jaws
to swallow the flying beasts
the flies and the mosquitoes
make for a wonderful feast
the imperative of evolution
will always be fulfilled
it isn't only animals who kill

Spotify

There is music from different eras
there is music from far-off lands
and music that we've never heard before
the universe of music
is infinite and grand
Spotify allows us to explore

Controversy

Controversial only means
that people are talking about it
and people, being people, disagree
that doesn't mean it matters
or is relevant at all
we are easily distracted
you and me

Sewing Machine

Our mothers all had sewing machines
they were a common sight
but we don't see them that often any more
this is a consumer society
whether that's wrong or right
and when we need new clothes we find a
store

Smoking

Smoking might be bad for the lungs
but, still, you know, I'm gonna'
'cause that's the most popular method
for consuming marijuana

Sales Techniques

Smile and look them in the eye
get your foot inside the door
and if they ask for one thing
try to sell them one thing more
It's not what anybody needs
or anybody cares
but if you sell enough
your boss will be a billionaire

Customer Loyalty

Shops have loyalty programs
coupons, gifts and stuff
they should just have lower prices
and that would be enough

Exotic Fruit

Tropical fruits are common
you see them everywhere
but, to be defined as exotic
they must be rather rare
bananas are quite common
they're found in every store
but, guavas are exotic
so they cost a little more

Brownies

**Brownies are delicious
and one of their finest features
is that they are made with love
by magical, little creatures**

Creativity

**Creativity, of course
a higher mental state
and it can be induced
the moment we start to create**

Marco Polo

Marco Polo went to China
many years ago
he brought back pasta
and paper money
and many things we know
perhaps the most important part
of the trip that Marco took
is that he walked both there and back
before he wrote his book

Good Bye

You have to say good bye before you go
otherwise, it isn't good
and by and by you'll know

Scuba Diving

There's a list of things we need
in order to survive
and oxygen is right there at the top
so scuba divers take it with them
every time they dive
and until we can grow gills
they'll never stop

Flames

Flames are pretty
they leap and they dance
and decorate the night
but if you touch them
you'll get burned
so, don't do that, all right?

Secrets

We keep secrets in our diaries
and that is not so bad
it's even therapeutic, in a way
We may have a secret passion
for one we've never met
that also (in most cases) is O.K.
but when governments keep secrets
and they keep them all the time
you know right away
they're up to no damn good
they all should be revealed
we should expose their rotten crimes
things get better
once they're understood

Forgiveness

I can forget the little stuff
that's easily arranged
but I won't deal with you again
unless you've truly changed

Sharing

There are so many things to share
love, time, music, food
experience, a sunny day
or just a pleasant mood

Librarian

**The guardian of all the books
she hushes loud speakers
with one stern look
she keeps tradition
she's no contrarian
show some respect
to your local librarian**

Fashion Stylist

**I see the stuff they wear
at the fancy fashion shows
and all that I can think is
“those aren't clothes”**

Gorillas

**Gorillas are placid creatures
but they can turn real mean
in that, they're very similar to
some people I have seen**

Roots

**The roots of the tree
go deep into the ground
where people never see
we look at the trunk
and the branches and leaves
and that's what we call a tree**

Pretty Woman

Pretty woman looks so good
walking through my neighborhood
pretty woman like so sweet
as she's walking down the street
pretty woman looks so fine
sitting there and drinking wine
pretty woman looks so great
that is just her natural state

Mountain Lakes

Mountain lakes are beautiful
secluded and remote
but often too cold for swimming
so, it's nice to have a boat

Sneakers

When it comes to footwear
sneakers are the best
for walking anywhere you go
they stand up to the test
they can help you run real fast
if you are young and fit enough
and jump about
and twist and shout
and all that other stuff

Rotation of the World

Day to night to day to night
it's always been that way
in 24 hour cycles
each and every day

Web Sites

There are millions
maybe billions
of websites in the world
That is, the world that forms
the other world in cyberspace
together, they're a species
but each has a different face

Hockey

Hockey is the champagne of sports
not because it's nice
but because it's the only one
that they keep on ice

Cruise Ship

It's a city on the sea
they say in the brochures
but it's nothing like my city
and I'm sure it's not like yours
there are no homeless people
sitting on the ground
and the traffic jams and parking lots
are nowhere to be found
the spray may sweep across the deck
and you'll get a little wetter
but, if it's a city on the sea
it's a city that is better

Tea (again)

There are billions of people in the world
and billions of cups consumed each day
We are consuming oceans of tea
and pissing it all away

Sponge Cake

You don't need a sponge to make sponge
cake
in fact, that would be kind of gross
it's light and it's chewy
perhaps slightly gooey
and that's why we like it the most

Paradise

All my friends and family
and other people, too
beautiful music, delicious food
and plenty of stuff to do
perhaps in a snowy mountain scene
or maybe it's by the beach
paradise would have to be
a little bit of each

Snow

I never liked snow all that much
although it's pretty, I guess
but now, with global warming,
we see it less and less

Break-ups

**Lots of short relationships
makes for lots of fun
so you have to break up
with a lot of people
before you find the one**

Numerology

**To understand psychology
you can't use numerology
phrenology or astronomy
for that is not the path
the only numerology
that's worth a damn
is math**

Gardening

Plant a seed and if it grows
that can be satisfying
and, if not, then I suppose
you'll have to keep on trying

Fizzy

Pop in a pill
and the water gets fizzy
it looks as if
it's getting busy
it's doing its job
and that helps, I expect
to create
a placebo effect

Industrial Revolution

The industrial revolution
was a blessing and a curse
it made our lives much better
but in some ways made them worse
most of us live far away
from pleasant, rural scenes
and would find it very hard to live
apart from our machines

Regret

We look back with nostalgia
it's delusional, and yet
it is so much better
than to look back with regret

Stepping Stones

It takes a bit of balance
to walk across the stream
the stepping stones
are damp and you could slip
but if you are determined
you could just wade across
you'll get wet,
but you will have a firmer grip

Viennese Coffee

Viennese coffee
and chocolate cake
are classy and they're sweet
they can be a little pricey
but they make a tasty treat

Hot Air Balloons

Hot air balloons look magical
as they drift across the sky
and it's a thing I know
my wife and kids
would like to try
To soar, up with the Eagles
up where there is no sound
and to get a bird's eye view
of what is on the ground
but I will not get into one
and here's the reason why:
I have an overwhelming
desire not to die

Storks

We love chicken, fish and beef
bacon, ham and pork
but it's quite unlikely
that we'll ever eat a stork

Gas Explosion

Gasoline's combustible
and so it's very powerful
We put it in our vehicles
to carry heavy loads
but it isn't trustable
dependable, reliable
and in the wrong conditions
it explodes

Clowns

A clown's job is to make us laugh
a good clown makes us laugh a lot
some people think that's easy
but it's really, really not

Clowns 2

In my opinion
we need more clowns
in every city, in every town
in all the schools, in all the halls
in parking lots and shopping malls
each company should have one on staff
'cause everybody could use a laugh

Spirits

The spirits of the rain descend
that's how our tale begins
and the spirits of the trees and flowers
soak that spirit in
the spirit of the sun shines down
and makes the world so bright
and when it disappears we feel
the spirit of the night

Language Classes

If you want to learn a language
meet some people, have some fun
there is something that you ought to do
sign up for a language course
and when you have learned one
Perhaps you'll carry on and go for two

Shopping Malls

They're brightly lit
the temperature
is fixed and not extreme
there is no traffic
and it's not too loud
You can leave the outside
world behind
in a shopping mall
but it's best on days
when there is not a crowd

Swap

That for this
and this for that
I'll give you my shoes
if you'll give me your hat
you don't need credit
or cash to shop
as long as you've got
something to swap

Čarodějnice

Burn the witch!
The winter's gone
the pleasure season
has begun
Flames so bright
they warm the night
and we'll have lots of fun

Austria

A lovely land of mountains
and sparkling mountain streams
it is the land where Sigmund Freud
began explaining dreams
there's chocolate cake, and castles
and forests vast and green
but Hitler also came from there
and he was rather mean

Avocadoes

Slice in two, remove the pit
and then scoop out the flesh
it should be a little rotten
they're too firm when they are fresh
mash it up into a paste
it's very good when spread
with a little salt and pepper
on a slice of toasted bread
chop up a tomato
and half an onion, too
you can add some lemon juice
I know some people do
add a little hot sauce
enough to make you cry
that makes it so much better
I really don't know why
Eso es guacamole!
el sabor de Mexico!
and it is served, around the world
wherever you might go

Stress (again)

**When circumstances in our lives
become too much to bear
we feel stress, but we'd feel less
if we simply didn't care**

Obsession

**When there's one thing, one person
one specific point of view
that determines every thought you think
and all you say and do
if you lie awake in bed at night
and can't get any rest
you're obsessed**

Labor Market

Economists speak of supply and demand
as if it were a natural law
but when the rubber hits the road
you'll find there's a natural flaw
whenever workers raise their heads
and start to make demands
the rich folk start to scream and shout
that labor's out of hand
workers work their whole life through
they are the boss's bitch
when it comes to economics
never, ever trust the rich

Competition

Competition's healthy
competition's good
when it makes us do much better
than we ever thought we could
but it can be destructive
when you can't accept defeat
and we'll go to any limits
we'll lie, we'll steal, we'll cheat
co-operation also,
sometimes plus and sometimes minus
the secret to success in life
is knowing where the line is

Jungle

The jungles thick and tangled
there are plants that grow on plants
there are animals who eat animals
any time they get the chance
there are plants that cure diseases
there are flowers that are rare
there are trees creating oxygen
to purify the air
there is greater bio-diversity there
than anywhere else on Earth
so we need to save the jungle
because that is what it's worth

Back to Nature

I'd love to be beside the sea
sitting in the sand
and watching the sun as it goes down
wouldn't it be grand?
I'd like to be in a cabin
deep within the woods
no Netflix and no Spotify
wouldn't that be good?
I'd like to be by a babbling brook
sitting on a rock
and when I'd sat there long enough
continue with my walk
Nature's incredibly beautiful
Nature's really great
and it is good, sometimes
to get back to a natural state
clear your mind and heal your spirit
to let your heart be full
but if I had to live there
I'd be bored out of my skull

Milky Way

The Milky Way's our galaxy
the only one we know
and it contains a hundred million
billion stars or so
we can only estimate
it's a very large amount
there are far too many to give them all
names
there are more than we can count

Geese

When wild geese fly
across the sky
they fly in a V formation
they could teach people
a thing or two
about co-operation

Community Gardens

The garden plots are small
they do not cover too much ground
still, within the city
there is country to be found
together, they create a space
that's living and that's green
there is a feeling in the air
that is a bit more clean

Midnight

The measurement of time
is a human thing, it's arbitrary
and there's no reason why
a point in time should be so scary
that one tick of the timepiece
should hold such awesome power
Yet, there's magic in the darkness
that is the midnight hour

Musicals

Of course, they're not realistic
there is no need to explain
why they suddenly start dancing
and singing in the rain
how everybody knows the words
when they burst into a song
it doesn't happen in real life
but that doesn't make it wrong
"People just don't act like that,
who are they trying to kid?"
"The point, my negative minded friend
is it'd be cooler if we did"

Ferris Wheel

The Ferris Wheel can make you feel
feelings you didn't know
as you get a wider view
of the world that's down below
the world below is still and slow
when you are up above
and it can be romantic
when you're with the one you love

Proposition

If you make a proposition
I can then say yes or no
maybe I will add conditions
you'll respond, and on we'll go
maybe we will reach agreement
maybe we will not
but go ahead, make the proposition
there's no harm, so take the shot

Match Point (again)

From the point the game begins
there are two possibilities
one will lose and one will win
but which is which we'll have to see
the players play, we see them sweat
the betting people place their bets
then it comes to a point, match point, they
say
when it has to go one or the other way
and the tension that hangs in the air
unspoken
the tension, the tension must be broken
and one will achieve a winning score....
or else they'll have to play some more

Cooking Shows

I like to eat, I truly do
but cooking shows are weird
all the anger and the shouting
all the panic and the tears
food should be prepared with love
a chef should love their work
and not be a raving lunatic
a tyrant and a jerk

Promotions

A discount on all items
or buy one, get one free
or perhaps a special appearance
by a local celebrity
there's no end to what they'll do
to draw the public in
there are coupons, there are contests
there's a lot of hype and spin
but if they want to sell more products
to satisfy their greed
they should just lower prices
'cause that's what the public needs

Evil Spirits

**Mummies, Ghosts and Zombies
Werewolves in the night
Witches with their curses
and Vampires with their bite
the lore is ever-present
and belief in them persists
despite the fact that we all know
that none of them exist**

Trains

**The trains are running day and night
and through all kinds of weather
their tracks go all around the world
and bind it all together**

Unicorn

Horses are magnificent
and horses are quite real
putting a horn upon their heads
does not increase their appeal

May Day

After we have Witches' Night,
Walpurgisnacht, Beltane
A new day dawns so clear and bright
We're in the month of May
We can go out bicycling,
outdoors and having fun
Hooray! Hooray! For the month of May!
Summer has begun

LEGO

You can build your little cities,
little houses, little schools
They snap together easily
you don't need any tools
If little kids can use them
easily enough
Why don't we just use LEGO
to build all the bigger stuff?

Pepper

Pepper spices up your food
Pepper makes you sneeze
I like a lot of pepper
so, pass the pepper, please!

Secret Agent

Yes, there are secret agents
keeping secrets all day long
compiling massive files
on everything that's wrong
the world would be a better place
full of truth and light
if, instead of keeping secrets
we just tried to do what's right

Compost

All that is organic rots
and then can be reused
compost will renew the Earth
which we have so abused