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Reflecting God's Love





*So Sing,
My
Heart*



So sing, my heart! Burst forth
with song!

Don't murmur and complain.
Remember that a happy heart
can help relieve your pain.
An attitude of gratitude
can make your pathway bright
So thank the Lord for all you've got
and really do it right.

It's not too smart to hunker down
and live life half-depressed,
God has good stuff in store for you
and wants to be your Guest.
So chat a bit with Him each day
and tell Him all your heart--
You'll find that He's been waiting there
before you even start.

*Sing and make music in your heart
to the Lord. Ephesian 5:19*

Only One

I know that I am only one
I can't do everything
But if I keep a cheerful
heart
and kinda' hum and sing
It might get spread around a bit
and other folks might see
That it's not fun to live depressed
so sorta' copy me.



I know that folks can always find
a drummer with some beat
And if the drummer's beat is good
it could be pretty neat
To follow one who knows the score
and won't lead you astray
So you'll be happy in your heart
and smile from day to day.

It's pretty nice to be the one
who spreads some cheer around
For folks are always listening
to hear a joyful sound.
It doesn't take a lot o' dough
to hum and sing and smile
And make folks glad you crossed their path
and talked with them awhile.

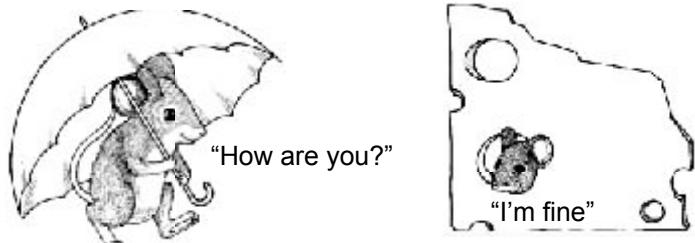
But encourage one another daily
Hebrews 1:13



Some folks bloom where they are planted
and they kinda' hum and sing,
They count their blessings one by one
with thanks for everything.
Somewhere along life's dusty road
they found it's better far
To live a life of gratitude
and bloom right where they are.

It's no use wasting time down here
till things improve a tad,
It's better far to use your time
to make some others glad.
We're only on old planet earth
what seems a little while
So bloom right where you're planted, friend,
and do it with a smile.

*I know that there is nothing better than for men
than to be happy and do good while they live.
Ecclesiastes 3:12*



"I'm Fine"

So often when we meet someone
we ask them how they are,
It's really just a courtesy
if they're not up to par.
We really do not want to hear
of their complaints and aches
For we are not too well ourselves
and lots of grace it takes.

I know that I am often asked,
"How do you feel today?"
And I will simply say, "I'm fine,"
and let it go that way.
Now I want you to understand
when I give my reply
I give the feelings of my heart
and really didn't lie.

The body that surrounds my soul
is not the real "me,"
It's only temporary, folks,
but it's what others see.
I think I'll still tell other folks
what's in the inner man
And I will keep a thankful heart
and live the best I can.

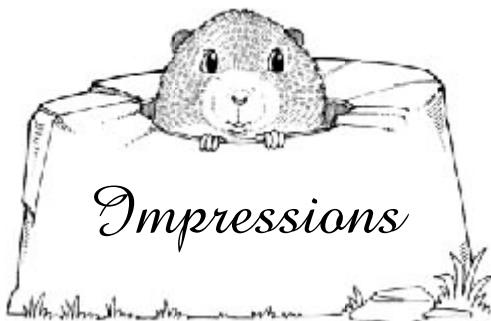
*inwardly we are being renewed
day by day. 2 Corinthians 4:16*

Tell 'em Off

To tell people off is really not smart
For it lets them know what is deep in your heart,
Harsh things you have spoken cannot be unsaid
And may live to haunt you until you are dead.
So always be careful to keep your words sweet,
Who knows but that someday you'll have
them to eat.



A wise man's heart guides his mouth
Proverbs 15:23



Impressions

Some people come into our lives
and don't impress us much,
Still other folks will come along
and leave their special touch.
I guess the thing this says to me
is that we oughta' live
So if someone is watching us
we've something good to give
Like kindness, love, and gentleness
to cheer a lonely heart,
And compliments can give a lift
if someone's way is dark.

Some folks may think they are not watched
but you can almost bet
The things they say and things they do
are things some won't forget.
So choose your friends with love and care
and really play it smart
Because without a doubt they'll leave
their footprints on your heart.

*...your faith in God is known
everywhere. 1 Thessalonians 1:8*

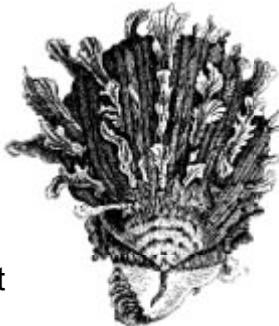
Faces

I've seen a lot of faces
as I've traveled to and fro
For everybody has one
that they take where'er they go.
You can't leave home without it
and it has a tale to tell
If you are sad or happy
or not feeling very well.
And then the eyes will tell a lot
what's going on inside,
There may be pain or sorrow
they are trying hard to hide.

It's nice to see big open eyes
beholding lots of things
Especially in children,
the excitement that it brings,
It matters not the color,
whether blue, or brown, or gray,
Eyes tell a lot about us
that we haven't words to say.
And eyes are set with color
into different shades of skin,
No matter where I go on earth
I find we all are kin.
Of all the faces I have seen,
the one I like the best
Is one that has a great
big smile,
I'll bet you could have guessed.



Pearls



Have you thought about
the oyster?

It's really pretty smart
For when something invades it's shell
it doesn't fall apart.
Instead, that irritating thing
that really could annoy
Is used to make a precious pearl
for people to enjoy.

I know at times things can get tough
and bad things come our way--
We'd really like to fall apart
and kinda' run away;

I wonder if the oyster
has a word for us down here
That says when we have problems
there's no need for us to fear
For we can change our bumps in life
into a joyful song;
If we cheer the folks around us
it helps to keep us strong.

Don't let yourself live in the pits--
it truly doesn't pay;
Remember oysters make nice pearls
so start on yours today.

Good As It Can Get



Let the love of God
 shine through you
 everywhere you go today
So when this day is over
 you can bow your head and pray
And you'll feel no tinge of sadness
 or have feelings of regret;
If you have peace within your heart
 it's good as it can get.

Don't ruminante on little things
 that rob you of your sleep,
Instead rejoice and praise the Lord
 that He your soul will keep.
God never goes to sleep at night
 nor does He take a nap,
E'en when He sends His angels out
 they never need a map;

So let God hold you in His Hand
 and let His love shine through
For He likes folks who show His love
 in everything they do.

*Let your light shine before men, that they
may see your good deeds and praise your
Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16*

God Is Still God Tomorrow



I know we tend to worry
over lots of little stuff;
We can get bent all out of shape
if we've not faith enough
To realize that God is God
and still will be tomorrow
And He knows what the future holds
of blessings or of sorrow.

Sometimes we watch the TV news
and get shook up a bit,
It's easy to feel kinda' down
if we watch much of it.
But if the Lord lives in our soul
it's good for us to know
That God is God for always
and it ever will be so.

If our eyes are fixed on Jesus
and we know God's in control
We know we ought to thankful be
that He has touched our soul.
There's nothing that surprises Him,
He's never caught off guard
So put your future in His Hands
and trust Him real hard.

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday
and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8*

Wait a Bit

If we would think before we speak
and pause a little bit
We'd have more friends along the way
with whom we love to sit.

If we express our views too much
insisting we are right
We may have hurt a close, close friend
who won't sleep well tonight.

Now it's alright to have our views
if kept inside our head--
Unless we've something nice to say
it's better left unsaid.



*The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life,
but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.*

Proverbs 15:4

Old Love



We like to go to weddings
And see the groom and bride
All gussied up and smiling big
As they stand side by side
Just waitin' for the preacher
To pronounce them man and wife
Then rush off on their honeymoon
And start a brand new life.

We also like to celebrate
Some older folks, you know,
Who've lived together time on end
Like fifty years or so.
Their love has not eroded
But has grown throughout the years,
They've learned to stay on top th' heap
Through sunshine and through tears.

I think God likes the young folks
But smiles on oldsters, too,
I guess God planned it just that way
So we'd know what to do.
It seems we need each other
Whether young or old and gray
And we'll continue to hold hands
Till God takes us away.

Up or Down?

I've thought about it quite a bit
But cannot figure out
About the speed that oldsters go,
Of this I am in doubt.
Do folks slow UP or just slow DOWN
When they are up in years?
I guess it doesn't matter much
Just so they shift their gears
Accepting things that come their way
And greet it with a song
So neither slowing up or down
Is really, really wrong.
So take your pick and make your choice
Of which you'd like to do
But keep a twinkle in your eye
So folks will know it's you.



The Forgetters



I'm sure some people
wonder why
some oldsters oft forget
A lot of unimportant things
and stuff they oughta' get.
I guess they do not realize
the brain inside their head
Has saved up lots of memories
and really is not dead.

I wonder, does it matter
if there's stuff they can't recall?
If they've lived eighty years or more
their brain can't hold it all.
The really most important thing
is memories they've saved up
And if they have a lot of love
and God has filled their cup.

So if they need to think a bit
on things they'd like to say
And though sometimes they goof things up
and might be in the way,
Remember, friend, they need your love,
encouragement, and more
For every day they watch and wait
for Heaven's open door.

Standing Tall

I wonder if you've thought about
the kind of work you do,
Of course there are some kinds of jobs
done only by a few.
There aren't too many Governors
or Heads of State, you know,
But there are lots of common folks
who know how things should go.

They also are important
and they do a lot of stuff
And if they didn't do it well
we'd not keep up to snuff.
If no one painted houses
and if no one mowed the lawn,
If no one threw a paper
on your porch when it is dawn,

If Mom's would let the laundry go
and not clean up the sink
Things really could deteriorate
much faster than you think.
I know some folks are kinda' proud
that they have lots of clout
But maybe it's the common folks
who keep things up, no doubt.

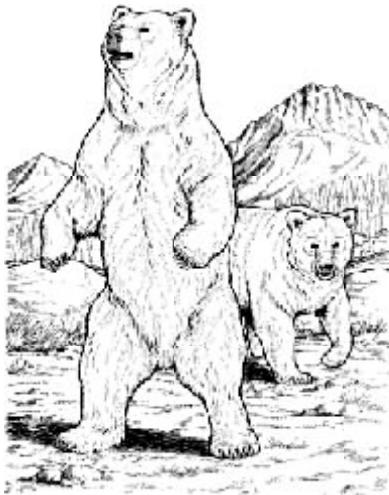
Now if folks with lots of status
would go abroad, you know,
And take a long vacation
anywhere they want to go

They would not be too sorely missed
those weeks they are away,
They know their job would still be here
when they return someday.

But what if garbage handlers
would be gone a week or two?

We really would get all messed up
and not know what to do.

Don't think you're not important, friend,
because your job is small--
We all should do our very best
and keep on standing tall.



*Whatever your hand finds to do,
do it with all your might*

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Porches

I see a lot of porches
as we drive down the street
That kinda' beautifies a house
and makes it look quite neat.
There are swings and chairs and cushions
inviting folks to sit
But they are much too busy now
so they use none of it.

It seems the folks of yesteryear
took time to sit and chat,
They'd watch the kids out playing
with their baseball and a bat.
They'd cheer 'em on and clap their hands
and even stomp their feet
So kids could learn to handle stuff
like winning and defeat.

I wonder if they've gained a lot
by sitting in a chair
And watching movies and TV
and what they offer there.
Or maybe they'll compute a while
and see what's on the Mac
And don't make any effort
to watch kids who play out back.

It's sorta' strange the way folks live,
it seems they don't feel blest
And yet they've gathered lots of stuff
to feather up their nest.
According to the TV ads
our living's up to par
If we live in a great big house
and drive a fancy car.

The Bible says that godliness
and a contented mind
Are what makes people happy
and is really quite a find.
So take a break, sit on your porch,
enjoy the things you see,
You might discover as you watch
you're as happy as can be.



*But godliness with contentment
is great gain. 1 Timothy 6:6*

Serving

If you're going to serve the Lord, my friend,
then give it your best shot,
Don't only serve Him sparingly
but give Him all you've got.
Don't nod your head and tell Him, "Hi"
and think He'll understand
For He would like the best from you
and wants to hold your hand.
He really understands and knows
what He sees in your heart;
He knows if you are holding back
or giving every part.
It seems the friends that I hold dear
and cherish very much
Are those who have a lot of love
and so we keep in touch.
Our God is great and awesome
so don't let the privilege pass
To serve the Lord with all your heart
and do it, friend, with class.

*... serve the Lord
your God with all
your heart and with
all your soul
Deuteronomy 10:12*



People-watchers

Sometimes I like to people-watch
When I am in a crowd--
The short, the fat, the skinny folks,
The poorly dressed, the proud.
Of course my observations
Really don't amount to much
But sometimes I see lots of folks
Who need a loving touch.

When I watch folks it makes me think
How busy God must be
To watch the billions on this earth,
Including you and me.
He knows the feelings of each heart
And sees each deed we do,
I don't know how He does it
But the Bible says it's true.

The folks who really hunker down
In God's great love and care
Are awfully glad God watches them
And sees them everywhere.
They don't worry 'bout the future
And stuff that could go wrong,
They just let Jesus fill their cup
And fill their heart with song.

*I will counsel you and
watch over you
Psalm 32:8*

