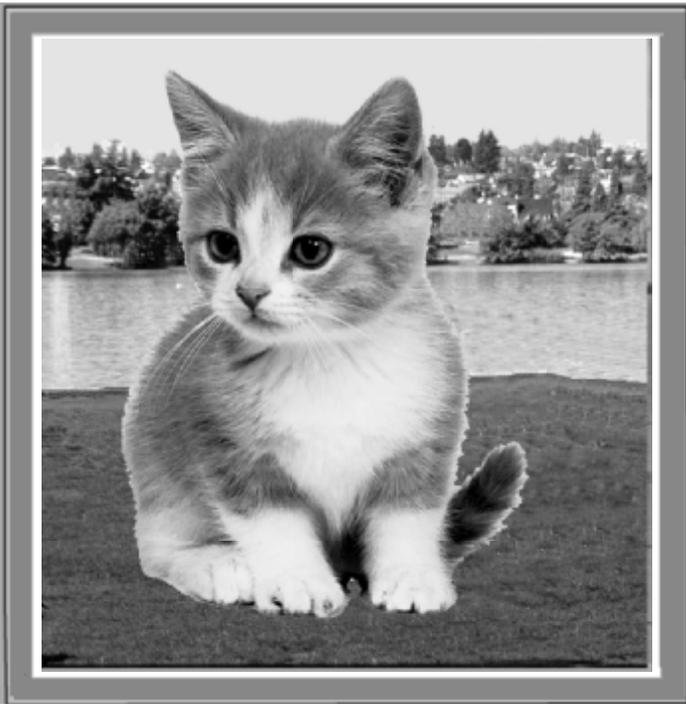
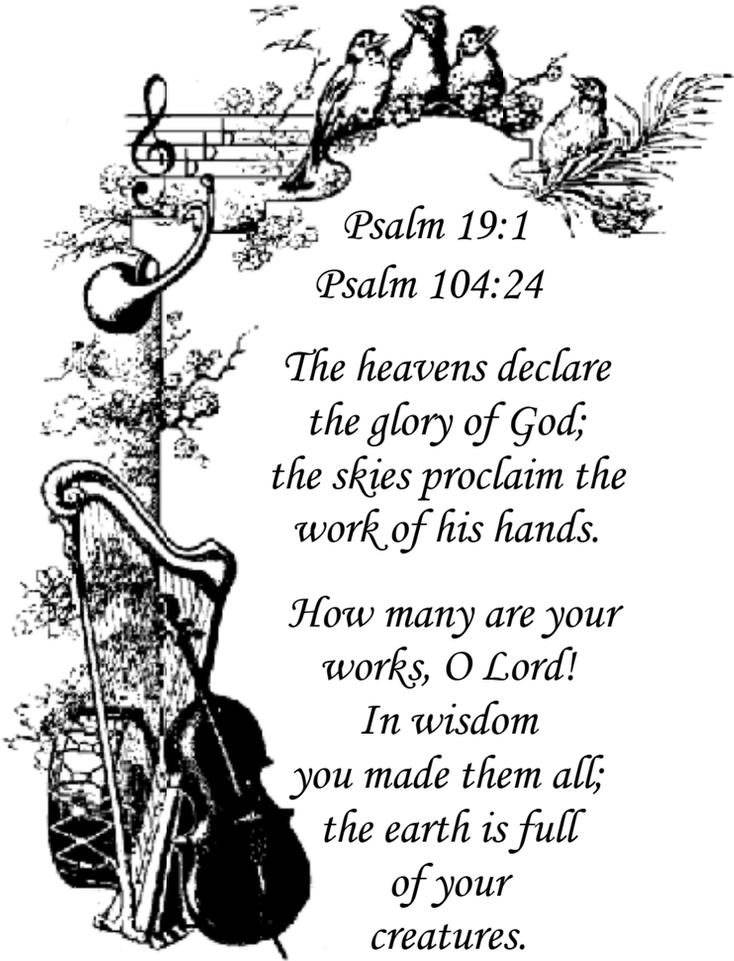


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*God  
Did It*





*Psalm 19:1*

*Psalm 104:24*

*The heavens declare  
the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the  
work of his hands.*

*How many are your  
works, O Lord!*

*In wisdom  
you made them all;  
the earth is full  
of your  
creatures.*

## *Acts of God*



We used to hear of “acts of God”  
when big events occurred--  
Tornadoes, earthquakes, storms,  
and floods  
our status quo has stirred.  
These things do happen now  
and then,  
God does display His power,  
But there are other “acts of God”  
that happen every hour.

Who puts the love in mother’s hearts  
to love a wayward child?  
Who feeds the birds and animals  
that live out in the wild?  
Who gives a peace to weary hearts  
who struggle through the day?  
Who gives our minds the power to think,  
and form the word we say?

Who puts a song within the heart,  
a smile upon the face?  
Who makes a person want to help  
someone of different race?  
Who doesn’t blame when things go wrong,  
and tries to make it right?  
My friend, it’s God who does all this--  
all day and every night!

*The Lord is faithful to all his promises  
and loving to all he has made.*

*Psalms 145:13*

## *Seasons*

I like the seasons of the year--  
Each one is great, and when it's here  
I almost like that season best,  
For change can bring a kind of rest.

The snow has beauty hard to beat  
If you're inside with warmth and heat;  
And Spring is welcome as can be  
When robins fly from tree to tree.

Then Summer has it's fun times, too,  
With picnics, sun, and Mountain Dew.  
When tired of heat the Fall looks good  
And with it's beauty, well, it should.

Don't frown and gripe when seasons come,  
Enjoy yourself, and sing and hum.  
When each day comes look up and thrive  
For after all, you ARE alive.



## *Our Awesome God*

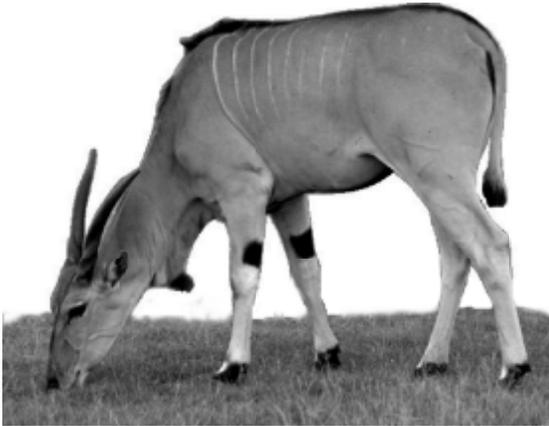
Folks, when I think on it a bit  
it kinda' blows my mind  
How really awesome was our God  
when He made up mankind.  
To think there are no lookalikes  
no matter where you look  
Is quite a marvel in itself  
and wasn't from some book.

Not only are our fingerprints  
our very, very own,  
Our DNA belongs to us  
for it is ours alone.  
The scientists can tell a lot  
from just one single hair  
So when our God created man  
He did it with much care.

Then there's the brain with all its smarts--  
folks still can't figure out  
How it can tuck so much inside  
so we can move about.  
How come we taste, and hear, and talk,  
and have emotions, too;  
God didn't clone a bunch of folks  
and fasten them with glue.

God gave us personalities  
and also gave us choice  
So we can hack life by ourselves  
or listen to His Voice.  
He also gave us talents  
we can use or we can lose  
And some folks make the best of them  
because of what they choose.

Some folks become musicians,  
others preach, still others write,  
God sure gave us variety  
and really did things right.  
But best of all God gave us love  
or we'd be incomplete  
And if you love Him in your heart  
this life is hard to beat.



*I praise you because I am fearfully  
and wonderfully made; your works  
are wonderful. Psalm 139:14*

## *Roses and Thorns*

There are lots of pretty roses  
that we ooh and aah about,  
Their colors are magnificent  
there's not the slightest doubt.  
Sometimes we sorta' wonder why  
the thorns are on the stem  
As if God kinda' goofed things up  
and spoiled a perfect gem.

But when I think on it a tad,  
I wonder could it be  
That it was no mistake at all--  
God wanted us to see  
That life has lots of blessings  
and our road is smooth and straight,  
But at times we hit a speed bump--  
then we don't feel so great.

I wonder if the roses  
have a lesson for us all:  
That life has lots of beauty  
if we stand straight and tall,  
But then when  
disappointments come  
like thorns upon the stem  
God wants to polish us a bit  
so we can shine for Him.



## Nest Building



I saw two birds just yesterday  
when I looked out the door,  
Their beaks were full of grass and stuff;  
they knew what it was for.  
For spring had sprung, the birds both knew  
that they should build a nest  
And God had put inside their brains  
how they could do it best.

You know, the birds are pretty smart  
when they know what to do  
For they can build a nest that lasts  
without some super glue.  
I am amazed they can make nests  
to stand both wind and rain  
And then they raise their babies there  
with seemingly no strain.

I know if I collected stuff  
and tried to build a nest  
E'en with some string and glue and tape  
mine wouldn't stand the test.  
When winds would blow my would-be nest  
would drop and fall apart,  
But God gave birds a joyful sound  
and made them really smart.

## *By Heart*

Mom's don't learn to mother babies  
by reading from a book  
For Mom's have something in their heart  
that when they take a look  
Immediately they fall in love  
and heart will bond to heart  
And when that happens you can bet  
they're off to a good start.  
I know Mom's learn from old wives tales  
some steps they oughta' take  
If babies seem to cry a lot  
and keep the house awake.  
Most babies are quite healthy  
and if Mom is healthy, too,  
They usually can figure out  
just what they oughta' do.  
And happy are the little ones  
whose mother is quite smart  
And takes the time to give them love  
and mother them by heart.



## *The Hopalongs*

If you'd go to Australia  
you'd see the kangaroo;  
It's fun to see them in a park,  
not just one in a zoo.  
Some of the large variety  
can leap a nine foot fence,  
A twenty five foot leap is theirs  
if life gets pretty tense.

Their back legs are a tower of strength,  
their tapered tail is strong,  
And with a baby in their pouch  
they simply hop along.  
I'm not sure how a kangaroo  
would work out on a farm--  
They might leap over fences tall  
and do your garden harm.

I think when God created them  
He made them to be free  
And didn't want them all fenced in  
or tied up to a tree.  
So if you go down under  
you'll enjoy the  
kangaroo--  
They're in a class all  
by themselves,  
I know you'll think  
so, too.



## *Australian Teddy Bears*



Koala bears are loved by all,  
they're like a teddy bear  
And with their special hands and feet  
just any limb's a chair.  
They don't stay on the ground too much,  
they'd rather live aloft;  
It takes six months before their fur  
is thick and cuddly soft.  
They're awfully small when they are born--  
an inch is far too long,  
They weigh much less than half an ounce  
but once they're grown they're strong.

They live in mother's pouch awhile  
then when they venture out  
Their hands and feet grab mother's fur  
so they are safe, no doubt.  
The eucalyptus leaves are best  
to curb their appetite  
And when the leaves near by are gone  
they choose a different site.  
These teddy bears seem unafraid  
as folks watch from below;  
They simply go on living  
like they always do, you know.



## *Ships of the Desert*

Have you sat upon a camel?  
It is kinda' fun to do;  
I did it once some years ago  
and I've seen quite a few.  
I like those rugged-looking beasts  
that walk the desert sand,  
God knew when He created them  
they'd cross a lot of land

So He gave them a hump or two  
so they could carry stuff  
Across a burning desert  
where their living would be tough.  
All camels have three stomachs  
and two of them store fat,  
The other is for water  
as they need a lot of that.

Some camels that are sturdy  
carry up to half a ton  
And can walk close to thirty miles  
before their day is done.  
Don't put off riding one of them,  
they're pretty cheap to run,  
Besides you'd save a lot of dough  
and Wow! Would you have fun!

## *Giraffes*

Some animals have beauty  
as they gallop o'er the plain,  
The tall giraffe has lots of class  
with seemingly no pain.  
But if there was a big giraffe  
with problems in his neck,  
What kind of doctor should he see  
to have a spinal check?

But also if his throat was sore  
from eating thorny stuff,  
I wonder if they swabbed it good  
would that be quite enough?  
Those creatures stand and gaze around  
and look so worldly wise,  
Is it because they see a lot with head  
up in the skies?



We may be lucky they don't talk  
and tell us what they see  
For if they gave a full report  
'twould worry you and me.  
So I'll just stand in awe of them  
and watch with  
wondering eyes  
And try to guess just what  
they see  
with head up in the skies.

## *Elephants*



I know you've seen  
big elephants  
when you've gone to a zoo;  
Some really are quite teachable  
if one knows what to do.  
In India they're used a lot  
to do a bunch of stuff,  
They can move tons and tons around  
without a huff or puff.

The elephants in Africa  
that we've seen here and there  
Have longer tusks and stroll around  
with seemingly no care.  
If they have sugarcane to eat  
along with leaves on trees  
It seems that they are satisfied  
and life is quite a breeze.

One good thing to remember  
is to not get in their way  
But watch them from a distance,  
also give them right-of-way.  
The elephants have mem'ries  
that can last until they die;  
Alzheimers is unknown to them--  
it makes one wonder why.

## *Buffalo*

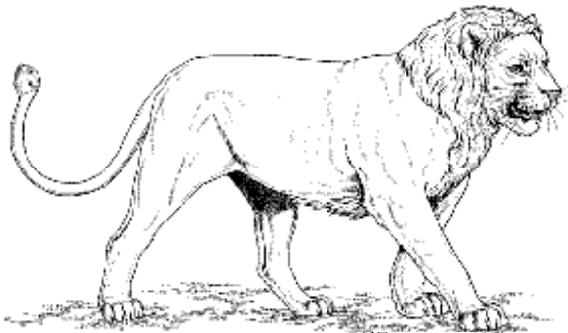
We've seen two kinds of buffalo  
besides the kind out west;  
The water buffalo are tame  
and we like those the best.  
It doesn't bother them a bit  
if kids climb up and ride;  
They roam the streets in India  
and they don't run and hide.  
The other buffalo we saw  
were of a different breed  
And they were called Cape buffalo  
and dangerous indeed.  
We saw this kind in Kenya  
so we gave them due respect  
For if they're big and wild and fast  
it's what one would expect.



## *The King of Beasts*

The lion is the king of beasts,  
at least I've heard it said,  
And other animals near by  
may live in fear and dread.  
If they have had a great big meal  
they sleep throughout the day  
Then go to water holes at dusk  
to sneak up on their prey.

They're not too much on forests,  
they prefer tall grass and sand  
So they can scratch off really fast  
and cover lots of land.  
I've watched them lying 'neath a tree  
where they lay fast asleep  
For we were parked just feet away  
and watching from a jeep.  
They look so harmless sleeping there,  
but don't be fooled, my friend,  
If you got out and petted one  
this story soon would end.



## *Giant Pandas*

Once I saw a giant panda  
    inside a Chinese zoo,  
I'd never seen one live before  
    so this was something new.  
Its black and white thick furry coat  
    would surely fill the bill  
So they can live where it is cold  
    and have some comfort still.  
Those giant pandas six feet long  
    must have a lot of clout;  
If I would see one in the wild  
    I'm sure I would watch out.  
But I won't have that problem  
    it is pretty safe to bet  
For they're in Szechwan, China,  
    and they're also in Tibet.  
I'll leave that trip for younger folks  
    whose travel shoes are new  
While I stay home in my soft chair  
    where you might join me, too.



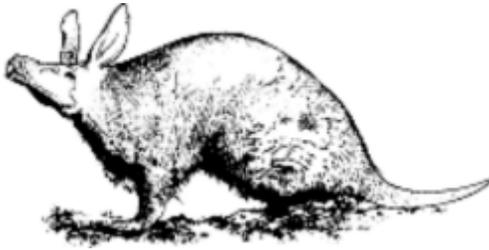
## *Zebras*

If you've been on safari, folks,  
or even in a zoo,  
You've seen a lot of animals  
and watched the things they do.  
There's one I like an awful lot  
with stripes of black and white,  
It looks like someone painted it  
and really did it right.

But I have heard from folks who know  
no paint job is the same,  
I think God liked variety  
when He created game.  
We've seen the zebras single file  
walk in the open plain  
Stretched out for almost half a mile  
in search of food and rain.

Yes, zebras stand out in a crowd  
like they're a painted horse;  
I'm glad two got on Noah's Ark  
for us to see, of course.





## *Aardvark*

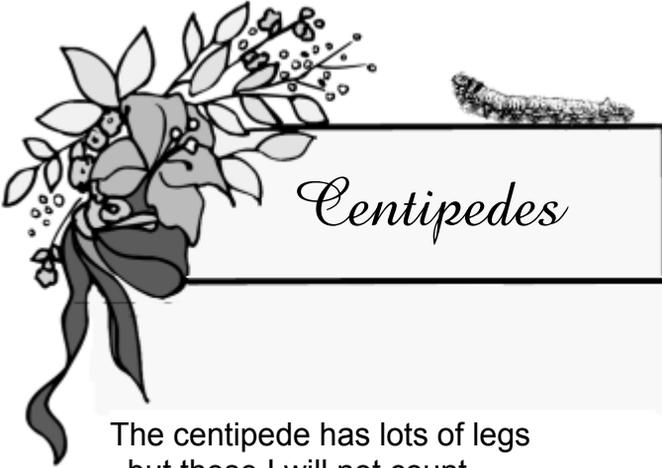
You may have safaried in park after park  
And never have seen what is called the aardvark.

It's really quite different from beasts of the field--  
An eighteen inch tongue it can easily wield  
To lick up the termites in old termite mounds  
Just oohing and aahing as he makes his rounds.

With ears like a donkey and snout like a pig,  
He also has claws with which he can dig.  
Another good thing is his kangaroo tail--  
With features like these he's not likely to fail.

One reason may be why you missed the aardvark:  
It seldom goes prowling unless it is dark.  
It never has said why it so hates the light  
And sleeps through the day then works  
                  through the night.

But if he can see we should not give a care  
What schedule he keeps, or just when, even where.  
I'm really quite grateful there is an aardvark;  
It's name starts with A, was it first off the Ark?



The centipede has lots of legs  
but these I will not count,  
Yet I suppose that if I did  
it'd have the right amount.  
And if that wormy centipede  
would have to buy some shoes  
It sure would take a lot of bucks  
if Nike it would choose.  
I guess the thing that baffles me  
is why is it so slow?  
You'd think that with so many legs  
a-flying it would go.

## *Mice*

Mice have some traits that are quite good:  
They're nimble on their feet,  
Their eyes have lots of sparkle,  
They think cheese is hard to beat.

And they are smart, though rodents small,  
They won't a cat befriend,  
They realize that if they did  
Their earthly life would end.

I know it sounds like I defend  
The quiet little mouse  
But they are best when they are in  
My next door neighbor's house.





*Cats*

We've heard it said cats have nine lives,  
I wonder what they do  
To have so many lives to live,  
much more than me or you.

It seems they purr an awful lot,  
(I guess that's how they sing),  
Do you suppose a happy heart  
longevity will bring?  
Of course they like a little milk  
along with fresh-caught meat;  
I'm sure those cheese-adoring mice  
for us would be no treat.

I'm sure I'll never figure out  
why cats have lives of nine  
While most of us have just one life  
before we cross the line.  
But, I could theorize a bit  
and say if life is tough  
Nine lives would be too much for us--  
just one would be enough.