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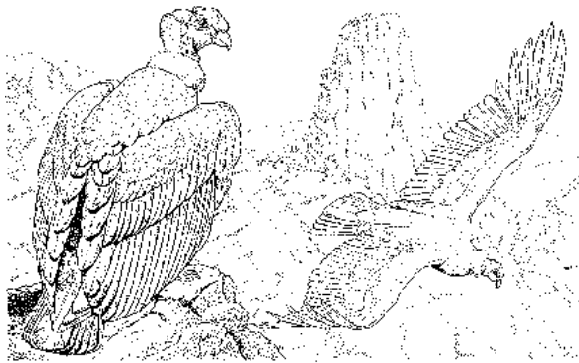
*Forever  
Faithful*



*He will cover you  
with His feathers  
and under His wings  
you will find refuge;  
His faithfulness will be  
your shield and rampart.  
Psalms 91:4*

*Who provides food for the raven  
when the young cry out to God  
and wander about for lack of food?  
Job 38:41*

*Are not five sparrows  
sold for two pennies?  
Yet not one of them  
is forgotten of God.  
Luke 12:6a*



## *On Wings of Eagles*

Folks don't always soar like eagles  
where the air is fresh and clean,  
Some walk around like turkeys  
when the world is tough and mean.  
Life sometimes overwhelms us  
when a bunch of stuff goes wrong  
And if our trust is not in God  
we're sure to lose our song.

But be assured, my hurting friend,  
God knows right where you are,  
He'll bear you up on eagle's wings  
when things aren't up to par.  
He's familiar with the valley,  
He knows the mountain peak,  
And if your faith in God is strong  
your soul He'll always keep.

It is God who arms me with strength  
and makes my way perfect. Psalms 18:32

## *The Untroubled Heart*

"Let not your heart be troubled,"  
Jesus said so long ago;  
He knew there would be problems  
so He wanted us to know  
That there is help for hurting hearts  
who find they cannot cope  
And if they put their faith in Him  
He offers love and hope.

In this tired world that rushes on  
to where they do not know  
God's love can fill the heart so full  
that it is bound to show.  
We need not live our days and hours  
depressed and in despair  
For if we let God have our heart  
He'll handle it with care.

So give to God your broken heart  
and give Him every piece  
For He knows how to fix and mend  
and give you joy and peace.



He will take great  
delight in you,  
he will quiet you  
with his love,  
he will rejoice over  
you with singing.  
Zephaniah 3:17

*One Sling . . .*  
*One Stone*

Each kid who's gone to Sunday School  
has heard the story read  
How David killed Goliath  
with a stone slung to his head.  
He'd cursed young David by his gods  
and ridiculed him, too,  
But David had a secret  
that Goliath never knew.

He didn't know the living God  
who David knew so well,  
He thought he had the upper hand  
till just before he fell.  
He had an armor bearer  
to protect him with a shield,  
Besides he had a sword and spear  
out on that fighting field.

Young David had his shepherd's bag  
with stones picked from a brook  
And though he'd gathered five of them  
it really only took  
One stone to kill the giant  
when he hurled it from his sling  
And God was watching David  
as he did that very thing.

For years this son of Jesse  
    watched his father's flock of sheep;  
He'd killed a lion and a bear  
    and left them in a heap.  
Another thing he learned to do  
    while walking through the grass  
He'd practice with some stones and sling  
    which helped the time to pass.  
Young David didn't realize  
    that with this simple skill  
His God had him in training  
    so Goliath he could kill.

Sometimes I wonder if the Lord  
    is training us each day  
So we can kill the giants  
    that we meet along the way.  
When life is hard with problems  
    and the way is long and rough  
If we will slip our hand in God's  
    that should be quite enough.

1 Samuel 17:45-50



## *Thousands and Thousands*

Today I read in Matthew  
how the Lord five thousand fed,  
And that was only with two fish  
and five small loaves of bread.  
A mother must have fixed this food;  
her son would need a lunch;  
And this is what Christ Jesus used  
to feed that hungry bunch.

She also didn't realize  
besides five thousand men  
The kids and women also ate  
and so there might have been  
A lot of thousands more than five,  
it could be ten or twenty  
But Jesus knew He'd not run out  
and all folks would have plenty.

In fact they had left over food,  
twelve baskets we are told,  
And I would guess that lots of kids  
ate all that they could hold.  
Some folks will trust in money  
and lay up a lot of cash,  
It doesn't seem to dawn on them  
the market just might crash.

So if you want security  
and someone tried and true  
God still is working miracles  
and might work one for you.



## *The Touch*



A woman who was sick for years  
and doctors could not cure,  
One day snuck up where Jesus preached  
with faith so strong and sure,  
For she had said within herself  
if she could only feel  
The garment Jesus wore that day  
she knew that He could heal.  
With trembling hands she stooped and touched  
Christ's robe at just the hem,  
And then it happened--she was healed  
right in the midst of them.

Too often in our up-tight world  
with all its sin and stress  
If we don't get the help we need  
we soon end up a mess.  
Some seem to struggle endlessly  
to find a way to cope;  
They've tried a lot of worldly ways  
that seem to bring no hope.  
I think we'd be much smarter, folks,  
if we would bow in prayer  
And touch the garment of our Lord  
for He is always there.

Matthew 9:20-22



*The  
Exodus*



Have you read the Book of Exodus  
that tells of God's great power  
To save His folks, the Israelites,  
in their most needy hour?

Remember Jacob and his kin  
came down long years ago  
For there was corn in Egypt  
to feed their flocks, you know.  
And so this group of seventy  
moved down with all their stuff  
Because the famine where they lived  
made times both lean and tough.

And as time passed the Pharaoh used  
these people to make bricks  
And he became extremely cruel  
so they were in a fix.

God saw their agony and tears  
so He devised a plan  
For one to lead His children out,  
and Moses was the man.

One day he saw a burning bush  
when he was tending sheep  
And though the bush was burning hard  
it still its leaves did keep.  
So Moses wondered at the sight  
and didn't make a sound  
But heard a voice: "Remove your shoes  
for this is Holy Ground."

So at the age of eighty  
he was called of God to go  
To lead those folks from Egypt  
but as yet he didn't know  
The trials that lay ahead of him  
and what he must endure  
But if God called him to do this  
He'd show him how for sure.

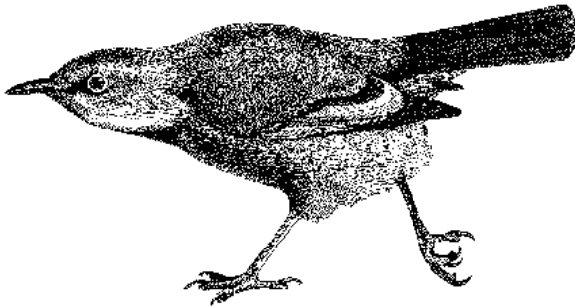
I know you've heard of all the plagues  
'way back in Sunday School  
How Pharaoh let his heart get hard  
and really played the fool

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But Moses kept in touch with God  
and daily would inquire.  
The plagues of water turned to blood,  
of thunder, hail and fire,  
Of darkness, boils, murrain, and frogs,  
of locusts, flies, and lice,  
Then finally all firstborn died.  
They paid an awful price.

So finally they got to leave  
when Pharaoh said, "Get out!  
And go and serve your God somewhere  
like you have talked about."  
And so a million folks or more  
left Egypt on the run  
And God kept working miracles  
until their trek was done.

Exodus chapters 5-15



## *The Lunch Bunch*

Not all believe in miracles,  
 but I don't have a doubt  
 That Jesus healed a lot of folks  
 who would have been left out  
 To suffer pain for years and years  
 to hobble here and there,  
 The common folks  
     believed in Him,  
 but others didn't care.



He even fed the multitudes  
     with just a youngster's lunch,  
 The hungry thousands Jesus fed  
     went home a happy bunch.  
 I wonder how that little boy  
     looked when his lunch was spread  
 And Jesus blessed and broke that food  
     and multitudes were fed.

I'm sure his Mom prepared his lunch  
     enough for one young boy,  
 And by his giving what he had  
     brought lots of people joy.  
 Sometimes we feel we don't have much  
     and to it closely cling,  
 And miss the joy this youngster had  
     who gave Him everything.

... God loves a cheerful giver  
 2 Corinthians 9:7

## *The Answer*

I hope you're not so busy  
counting problems every day  
That you forget your blessings  
when you bow your head and pray.  
Its easy to enumerate  
our troubles and our woes,  
And tell the Lord how much we hurt  
from top of head to toes.

Remember patient Job of old  
distressed as he could be;  
He badly suffered from his boils  
his friends could plainly see.  
And though they told him he had sinned,  
Job knew down in his heart  
That what they said was not correct  
and wasn't very smart.



But finally Job realized  
    what he should do one day,  
And so he humbly bowed his head  
    and then began to pray.  
His prayer was for those friends of his  
    who tried to sympathize--  
And this is when things changed for Job  
    before their very eyes.

Its easy to complain and moan  
    about how bad we feel,  
And how the wounds of life are deep  
    and awfully slow to heal.  
I wonder if we'd pray for friends  
    each day when we get up,  
We might find things would change for us  
    and God would fill our cup.

After Job had prayed for his friends,  
the Lord made him prosperous again.  
    Job 42:10



## *The Common Folks*

When Jesus lived down on this earth  
two thousand years ago  
He healed a lot of hurting folks  
and tried to let them know  
How they should live, what they should do,  
to gain eternal life  
And if they'd do the things He said  
they need not live in strife.

The Pharisees and Sadducees,  
the scribes and elders, too,  
Felt threatened by the things He said  
for they'd a different view.  
They were religious leaders  
and they thought they were quite smart  
And they did not want Jesus  
to upset their apple cart.

So there were folks who hated Him  
and tried to do Him in  
Because their hearts were full of pride,  
hypocrisy, and sin.

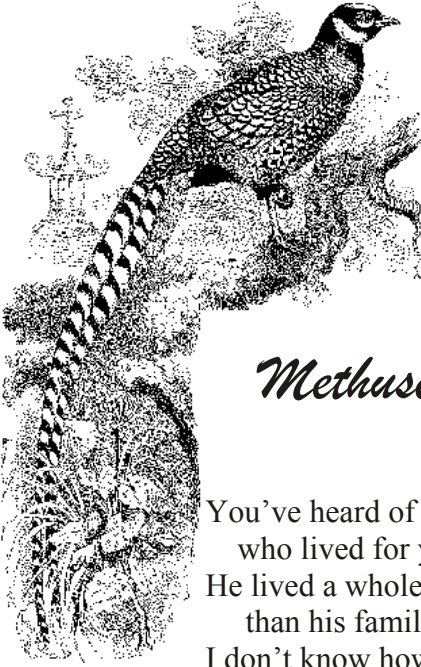
But there were other folks around  
who loved the Lord a lot  
And they would follow Him for miles  
and listened as He taught.  
But these were common people,  
not the CEO's and such,  
Who had great faith and confidence  
and loved Him very much.

Today is not much different  
than in days of long ago,  
Some big shots in the world down here  
have their own gods, you know.  
They think they have things figured out  
and feel they are quite smart  
But if they want to go to Heav'n  
Christ must be in their heart.

... Christ in you, the hope of glory  
Colossians 1:27







### *Methuselah*

You've heard of old Methuselah  
who lived for years and years  
He lived a whole lot longer  
than his family or his peers.  
I don't know how he managed, folks,  
to stay alive so long,  
He must have eaten healthy food  
to keep him well and strong.

Back then there were no microwaves,  
electric stoves or gas;  
The fast foods weren't invented yet  
like now they are en masse.  
No telephones, no TV sets,  
so they weren't bothered much  
With list'ning to the daily news  
with politics and such.

No ads would tell him what to buy,  
no people taking polls,  
I guess the folks who lived back then  
had kinda' different goals.  
The Wall Street bunch were still unknown  
and very far away  
So folks were not stressed out with that  
like many are today.

He had no plane or fancy car  
to get to places fast;  
I wonder if a simple life  
caused him to last and last.  
To live almost a thousand years  
is really quite a feat  
E'en with our modern gadgetry  
we can't his record beat.

He must have known down through the years  
how he should just relax  
And knew how to enjoy his life  
and live it to the max.

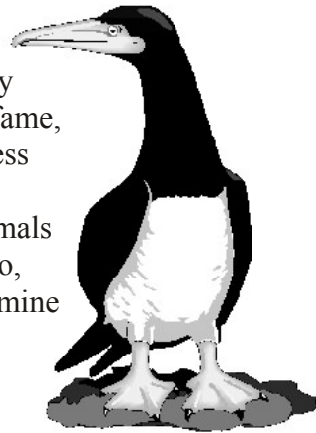
*I have come that they may have life  
and have it to the full. John 10:10*

## *The Really Rich*

Are you proud of how you're living?  
Do you give it your best shot?  
Some folks would answer, "Yes, I am."  
Some others, "I am not."  
The time we spend on planet earth  
is not too long you know,  
And many folks equate success  
with having lotsa' dough.

They haven't learned that money,  
though it buys a lot of stuff,  
Can't love you back and give you peace  
when life is mean and tough.  
The Bible says great gain is ours  
if we have godliness  
And have a kind, contented heart  
that God in love can bless.

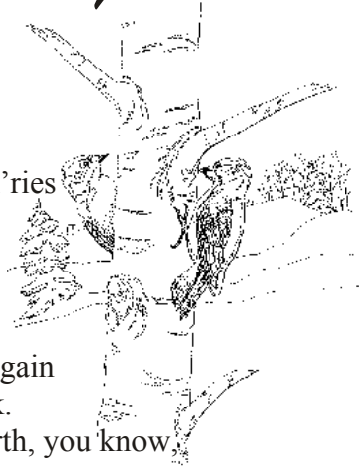
Don't get hung up on money  
and don't get hung up on fame,  
For megabucks and happiness  
are really not the same.  
God cares for birds and animals  
and clothes the flowers, too,  
So be assured, oh friend of mine  
that He can care for you.



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

## *After the Holidays*

Now the holidays are over  
 and our tree is put away  
 We've gathered lots of mem'ries  
 to think on another day.  
 The Christmas cards  
 I have not packed,  
 I'll take another look  
 For if one reads them once again  
 it's like a Christmas book.  
 We've heard of peace on earth, you know,  
 and good will unto men,  
 We hope those words won't fade away  
 till Christmas comes again.



Some folks make resolutions  
 they may keep a couple days  
 But people tend to settle in  
 and follow their old ways.  
 But miracles can happen,  
 God can change folks heart and mind  
 And make them hum and sing again  
 above the daily grind.

I hope we'll all let Christmas shine  
 forever in our heart  
 And not love folks just once a year  
 and then from them depart.  
 When we find what's important  
 and keep it in constant view  
 It sure can change a fella's heart  
 so he'll know what to do

## *Creation*



I've thought about the scientists  
who say there is no God;  
I wonder if their theories  
make them think they're pretty mod.  
No answers do they give to us  
and leave us much in doubt  
Of how creation came to be  
and how stuff came about.

If sixty million years ago  
a monster came to be  
I wonder where it came from,  
and could the creature see?  
Did it eat grass or animals?  
If so I wonder where  
They found that kind of stuff to eat  
and who had put it there.

The scientists do not explain  
who gave the birds a song  
Or even tell where birds came from.  
Folks, something bad is wrong.

In the beginning God created the heavens  
and the earth. Genesis 1:1

They give no explanation  
 how a rose has shades of pink  
 And also how they smell so good—  
 what do these people think?  
 How did the sun get in the sky,  
 plus that big Milky Way,  
 How did the earth itself get formed  
 with rock and sand and clay?

And then the diamonds and the gold  
 so coveted by man,  
 How did they get inside the earth  
 as if there was a plan?  
 I could go on page after page  
 and question more and more  
 The things those folks cannot explain  
 and never did explore.

If scientists and doubting folks  
 would read the Bible some  
 And start right in with Genesis  
 it tells in Chapter One  
 That God created everything  
 and tells how day by day  
 He made all things that do exist  
 and still are here today.

So let me sum this up a bit  
 in words both kind and sw  
 It gives those folks a job to do  
 and keeps 'em off the street



God saw all that he had made, and it  
 was very good. Genesis 1:31