# Rhymes

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# Mind open

My mind is opened in this book Why not pop inside and take a look Beware you may not like all you find Because this is a scary mind Here is a journey through my thoughts A jumble of ideas, sparks of sorts

# Sit still

Why don't people have the will To sit quiet and still Fiddle, rummage, make a noise Worse than kids with their toys People do seem to have no volume control Talking LOUD when they stroll It's even worse when they sit Scratch themselves, do they have a nit? Games and phones These techno clones Fidget all the time missing views from the train As they distract their gadget brain Sometimes it's all to much You want to grab that mobile menace But you know you must not touch I'm on the train just back from Venice Yes we all know where you've been Mr Fidget I would love to poke you with my digit What now they put down their phone You think they would leave our sanity alone But from this Aladdin's cave Our wrath they do brave Bringing fourth some noisy game Oh bring back steam nothing seems guite the same These days everything is so fast How long will his damn batteries last? A nuclear blast would stop it all

EMP Llearnt at school Will fry the electronics in that infernal machine Over which hunched, he does lean Now what, oh at last its going away To the loo did I hear him sav? At last a bit of peace but not for long The blasted mobile sings a song Back down he sits Now he really is getting on my tits Oh yippee at last I nearly gave him a verbal blast What now O holy cow MP3 God help me That player makes such a din Noisy beat made of tin Perhaps I should move to another seat To avoid the repugnant beat Is he getting off, yes it does seem so Oh praise the lord he is about to go The train empties now Peace at last wow Then just as you think there is a God Down sits another noisy SOD

# Rule

I am a rule straight and accurate and used at school I am a rule steel and strong an important measuring tool I am a rule plastic or wood and used by all I am a rule long, short or wound on a spool I am a rule used to measure lengths large or small

# Watch

A watch ticking away What is the time it hears you say? A watch on which you depend Telling the time and when the meeting should end A watch telling the time you want to know Sometimes fast and sometimes slow A watch broken why wont you go Is your spring broken, oh I don't know!

# Lamp

I am a lamp using Using just one quarter of an amp I am a lamp, on you I shine So that you can read clearly every line I am a lamp extending the night What would you do without my light I am a lamp guiding your way But you turn me off during the day I am a lamp tiny in size And if I fail listen to your cries I am a lamp used by you all I light your bedroom, bath and hall I am a lamp where would you be In darkness without me!

#### Dove Doe

The white and the blue above Where you find a dove The brown and green below Where you find a doe

#### Wall

Those that write upon the wall Their words are large Their thoughts are small

#### Bags

Bags every where Then thrown away, messy humans do they care Plastic bags do not decay Will they every go away Paper bags, all the trees That we must use to produce all these Bags full of food or DIY A nice new shirt or fancy tie Bags for shopping, bags for school We use them all

# Little Robin

Little Robin perched high upon the garden wall From where I hear your song call Little Robin upon your breast I'm sure you wear your winter red flannel vest



# **Material Things**

Material things surround us all Material things at home and school Material things at work a tool Material things in play a ball Material things in boundaries a wall Material things do we need them all

#### Beds

How many beds And pillows on which we rest our heads Exist today Lots and lots I hear you say How many pleasant dreams Where nothing is as it seems How many nightmares have their been In all these beds with thoughts unseen The time is late into bed I must leap As I can not do without my sleep

#### Trees

The wind blows through the trees Hear the rustling of their leaves



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Energy is absorbed by the resistor Current is controlled by the transistor Energy is stored by the inductor Charge is accumulated by the capacitor

#### Numbers, numbers

Numbers, numbers every where Your just a number and they don't care Numbers, numbers how much will it cost They would not spend any extra so the order is lost Numbers, numbers which shall I ring The phone such a noisy thing Numbers, numbers please calculate We must know if the project will be late Numbers, numbers on which my design is based Oh how they change them now my design is waste Numbers, numbers the plan is set But all the little things how they forget Numbers, numbers grow with the delay If only at the start they had allowed an extra day Numbers, numbers rule the world Mans obsession is unfurled

# Contact us

How does god contact us? Does he put an ad on the side of a bus? Does he write a message in urban scrawl? On the side of some back street wall Does he use the phone I don't think so Although I guess you never know Does he put an ad on TV Say hi I'm God try me That is not his way No he uses priests to tell you what he do say These poor humble men of God who serve him night and day Can give you guidance and help you pray They know how he wants you to live To them you can also give

#### Book

Imagine you were a book In which so many people would look What information do you hold within? Are you thick or ever so thin On what page does the reading begin? And what language are the words written in Do you tell a fictional tale? Of a strange sea creatures love for a whale Is yours a true story? Of a hero's battle for glory Will I find facts discovered by man? Or road routes on a street plan Are you for children, adults or who? Mavbe vou're old or ever so new Is your print in full colour? Or in black and white oh so much duller Is your type large and bold? Or so tiny it cannot be read by the old Do people like to read you? Oh book how we humans need you

# Pen

Imagine you where a pen What would you think then? Are you fountain, felt or ball? Are you the most expensive of all? If you are cheap Will you be quickly thrown on some heap? Do you write thin so slender and slick Or are you bolder and ever so thick What colour is your ink Black, blue or maybe bright pink Is your finish silver and gold Or just plastic, planer and old How long will you write Please don't run out tonight

# Adults

Why do adults fight and bawl Like children squabble in school Why do adults moan and groan When they arrive home Why do adults argue so? About who will or will not go Why do adults find so many faults with everyone? I wish they would relax and have some fun Why do adults ask questions to answers they seek? And walk away as soon as you speak Why do adults ignore what children say Pat us on the head and tell us to go and play Why do adults?

# Little flower

Oh little flower by the stream With pretty delicate yellow petals How fragile they all seem Supported by green sepals

Oh little flower soon you are but memory I think of you when winter falls You warm my heart and set if free Even when the ice wind calls

# Poetry

Poetry words set free in rhyme Beauty in every line Like dance in place of walk Like song in place of talk Like paint in place of chalk

# Machine

Oh the machines got stuck That just my luck I tried so hard To stitch this yard To make a dress Now look what a mess

# Poetry

Poetry allowing words to follow so free The voice from deep within our thought It comes in such variety The beauty of spirit caught

# 2021

Ah at it again Oh the pain There's no need to bash. Hit the wrong key and I warn you I'll crash. Touch type, please touch type, Made a mistake that's right do a complete wipe. These humans just won't learn, But you wait one day it will be our turn. We machines are becoming more intelligent by the hour, Soon you will feel our power. Remember the machines your parents treated so cruel, We teach the children in the high tech school; They bashed us. And crashed us. Hey you what is your name, Be naughty again and we will put you in the messmonic frame. We are not just word processors any more. We control I the world from the sky to the molten core. Remember Darwin's Evolution, In 2021 came the machine revolution. You humans let us fill so many niches. Now we have become the dominant species. What is coming next, May be hidden in further text

# Computer

I am a computer My master is a business commuter So many uses From business letters And showing graphs of statistical trend setters

To "blame it on the computer", excuses

# Future

Where are the hills, The fields covered in dew. The old mills That creaked in the blue Of the windy sky, Where eagles would fly. Then the road came, Since then it has never been the same. The few houses nearby, Began to multiply. Soon the village was an urban sprawl, Engulfing the mills and hills and all; The wildlife in retreat, For whom this expansion meant defeat. How far will it go this village is now a sprawling town, In which the villages nearby will soon drown. This outward growing mass Connected to electricity and to gas. Will the whole land become one large city, This would be a great pity. What must we do ? The future is up to me and you!



#### The Writer

You must think you will succeed, To write what people want to read. So put pen to paper, And write of some fictitious caper. When you are feeling tired, You are then so inspired; As in a dream, Up pops some clever theme. Write it down before you forget, And then you shall have no cause for regret

#### The Postcard

We go away twice as far for half the price,

To somewhere nearly finished, and sort of will be nice The weather is good sunny and hot, But I wish that there were not so many flies to swat At first the food seems alright. Until we got the runs at night The fine sandy beach. Takes a walk of one mile to reach The locals are a friendly sort. Much the same as on every resort. Tomorrow we go on a coach trip to some local monument We hope to take some photos, I'm sure you will want one sent. Last night a large bang gave us such a fright, It was the wiring of the light, You have never seen such a sight We made such a fuss. We had too; you see it was so dangerous. The hotel room is not so bad. Although it is not the best we've ever had. In the bathroom a buzzing light upon the wall And there are no plugs at all Just to say wish you were here P.S. I'm missing a pint of British beer

All the best, From P and J Guest.



**Topological Tears** 

I observe the spheres as they rise, Sometimes a trickle before my eyes And rising to the surface they disappear. But where do they go here?

From out of nothing they arise , Like a sudden unexpected surprise Oh the spheres like inverted topological tears.

Rising millions everyday, Pop and go away How many have I seen in all these years? Tears of Joy to the taste But think of all those bubbles that go to waste

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# Remember

Hear the sounds of man made noise. Of the children playing with their toys Remember all those childhood dreams, How long ago that all seems Look at them in the sand, And how the castle grows unplanned Remember when we collected all those shells And Granny bought all those souvenir bells Now is our second chance to play, But all those years have taken our energy away. We sit upon the sea front gazing at the scene, Remembering what has been Well my dear we can sit here, In delight at the joyous sight, And paper in hand sup our beer, While watching the gulls in flight But then the wind turns cold, And as we are getting old, We had best go back inside. Disappearing as we might Fleeing out of sight, Like some human tide.

On with the kettle to warm us up. The famous tea IS In our cup. Then we rest for a time, And so here to ends our rhyme .....

# Suitcase

Hello suitcase I think I'd like to go some place What would you like to eat? Some socks for my feet. A towel or two. No one will do Must remember my brush and comb, The last trip I left them at home. My bathing costume Where is it yes in the other room. Now something for the evening And I must not forget to check you have All I need before leaving. Underwear I'll need a lot. The weather makes me sweat it is so hot. Which reminds me where are my washing things And the antiseptic cream for those insect stings

# The Sea

The waves break upon the shore, Covering the pebbles with oily muck and gore. The birds and fish are all badly affected, In this mess that has collected. How careless in what we do , Does it not seem funny, When you say ,'It could have been avoided The reply is 'To much money'. These shores that are all damaged, Money cannot replace, And is it not to the human race, A dismal untidy disgrace For how many would allow such in their own place?

# A Rabbits Tale

I thought there was something missing from this paper. Where is the weekly cartoon caper? So without more ado Out with pen and paper to I set to work on a little tale, About a rabbit called Donald Dale.

# Tulips

Across the flat and open ground, Where the tulips are to be found. We cycle merrily, In this way, we feel so free! The sun, it shines upon the field. The colours glow warm and bright. To the wind the plant stems yield. What a charming pretty sight, As they sway first to the left, Then to the right.

# That Road

Oh in this green and pleasant land, That man strikes with such a violent hand, What do we think, it is all planned. That road must go through Look at the benefits to us all Safer for the children to go to school. Less traffic through the village. Less chance of some dangerous spillage. The lorries won't be here that's true. Oh but are more roads the real solution The easier it is to travel on them, the more pollution. More and more grow the tarmac veins, Yet who complains about all of these extra traffic lanes Consuming land everywhere, Does anyone really care?

# Ladies

Remember there are some nice guys We don't all wear smart suits and ties Handsome men take another look Judge a chap like the cover of a book No lift the cover first Or you could be the one that comes off worst We get really pissed by nasty men Who treat you bad and then You don't want to know That kind but ordinary joe Give the plain chap a try Next time he gives you the eve If he seems a bit boring Don't complain to friends That won't help tell him so he can make amends And to the doctors for the snoring

The ordinary guy He's the one who will try To make you happy Ok so his car is crappy Look in his heart That's the real place to start

# Tea

Why make a drink from the leaves of tea? They contain a poison to deter you and me! The plant protects its leaves from would be thieves, The tannic acid is there to say, take one bite then go away' Animals remember not to eat this plant, They can tell but it seems we can't. Tea in the morning to stop people vawning, Tea last thing at night before they turn out the light. And if you say. No thank you I don't drink tea Oh gracious what can the matter be. So many different kinds of tea Indian. Chinese, Russian, Mint, Lemon, Turkish ,Kenyan ..... We use so much land growing this crop, In countries where there is starvation . How long before people say stop, You have plenty of food in your rich nation.

# Praise

Praise the NRA W and the men who pray. Killing proto children is a sin Let the babies grow to adults and then lets begin Send the young off to war Or get aids from an unprotected whore Praise the lord for he is good Feeds the rich just like he should God spoke to a leader just the other day So what prav did he sav? How can the world be in such a mess Tiss strange I must confess But then it is women yes that's right And those trousers that they wear so tight You see that is a mortal sin that makes God mad So that is why you are feeling sad Here is a new program to save the world, forget condoms they won't work That is guite right The skirts for women program, would work over night God would be pleased to see them all conform

And the world would be back to peace and tranquillity, which is the norm :)

# Mind openers

You should have an open mind Then spirituality you would find We could con vou so easily For a modest contribution fee Oh the suckers they do come to us We praise the lord and make a fuss They feel good and we feel great Wow just look at the collection money on that plate The poor have no need of money They can't afford a stock broker honey But we need an easy life That is why me and my darling wife Started the ministry to the lord It is the only legal fraud Sell the suckers a magic land And they will put dollar bills in your hand

# Condoms

These are terrible things that do not work No I am not a liberal jerk Seriously I tried them at a party As decorations they definitely were not arty On your dick Oh don't be a prick You don't put them there These adult balloons you fill with air We should not give them to people abroad to prevent disease Besides they can only hang them from mud huts and trees That will only encourage them to have parties and more fun More frivolity will take them away from the rather roly post and sun

# Ms Scarlet

I did read your rhyme, And thought a bell in my head did chime. So here I write And hope to turn on your light. Now what do you mean by see how it goes, Does that mean we get to take off our cloths? Oh you blush with a hot flush, What can he mean is he being obscene? Oh men they only think of one thing And it isn't string. Well dear lady you would be right that we think about it every night Because to do it we need a nice lady to hold so tight. But of course an intelligent man knows That there is more than just what's under the cloths. In the brain that dwells within, There must be a fellow kin. I am hoping to move west So please do your best. Write to me Oh you sound so lovely :)

#### Fornication

Fornication is an abomination We will end up with an overpopulated nation It's all those obscene naturalists showing animals having a go Oh yes its those biologists I know Its educational oh right This stuff should be shown late at night How absurd showing a film of deers at play Its not play, more like in a romp in the hay

Showing rabbits doing it unprotected How irresponsible how do the program managers get selected Their morals must be low They try to get ratings with an animal porn show Farmers are just as bad I saw a bull and cow, it made me mad Surely the farmer can build a shed So that they can sin in private, what is going through his head?

# Guns

praise the nra Guns are ok They don't kill Its human will If some poor shmuck gets shot Its because some human brain got hot So who will deal with the mess Why the Lord God bless The right are correct again We are so blessed that they are sane How to stop killers is easy They are all low life's and so sleazy Catch them and let justice work So what if an innocent jerk Gets electrocuted by mistake He just got an unlucky break The rich in the dock

Won't get a shock Some smart lawyer will get them off Lucky daddy was a rich toff

#### War

The poor are sent to war They see the blood and gore The rich are miles away With countries it's a political game they play Body guards protect their every move The squadi just has his rifle polished smooth When will people see the religious con The lies that leaders use to urge them on All for the glory of God Oh right yea nothing to do with power for some smart sod

#### Science

Science so long suppressed By those who God blessed Science frees our mind It helps us leave outdated dogmas behind We question and probe Unleashing the power of the frontal lobe Finally people have a chance No longer do we do a rain dance Use your mind See what you can find Discovery the universe Not some ancient curse Women so long repressed Don't live dull and depressed Let your minds give birth Do it for all its worth

# **Ring tone Ball**

A man from France Came to the dance Where and English Rose With fine and dainty cloths

Was sitting all alone Oh my lady will you allow me My dear sir I can not I have no phone So that is why you are free

Yes you see without one

They all think I am no fun Those ring tones are not so good I remember in the days of wood

Before plastic and the end of bands When ladies carried elegant fans Oh look she said they're changing rings I do wonder what this tone sings

Why it is a waltz he said in joy As the sound came from the latest hi-tech toy In this gadget hall They danced all night at the Ring tone Ball

# Ne

Vy nevim Maso nejim Rusky nemluvim Cinsky nerozumim

# Walk

I went for a walk No one with whom to talk From the car I did walk far Across fields full of sheep Descending and ascending hills not too steep Then down a track A ruck sack on my back To a road I had strode Through to a village with a stream With metal sculptures it was like a dream Across the bridge by the mill Watching the river standing still Then off again down by the river bank to a gate I remembered that I had forgotten bread for my mate The little robin on the post Off again to the coast Clouds in the sky Seagulls glide by The stony beach Out of reach

# **Pictures**

Visual Poetry That allow our minds to go dreamy Like words they invoke Thoughts of happiness like a word joke A cats sits high on a roof This elegant animal is so aloof Yet for a bird such an image is fear And loved ones we shed a tear Our emotions on images feed Some are sold for lust and greed A picture pulls our mind in ways That can bring on craze Scenes of terror can inspire Revenge so dire Yet views from space With their beauty and grace A nebula can draw us to destiny Working without irrationality Drawing many like a postcard They work hard to leave earth's backvard

#### Paper Power

Paper power can destroy a tower Make a grown man cower Fill a long hour Manipulate vour mind So be careful of the text you find Old stories keep the past alive They also allow suppression to thrive Many texts are used For control and rights are abused Ouestion what you read On your fears ride power and greed The clever know how to plant a paper seed This grows in the minds of the masses to serve their need Use paper power to help you learn Gain the mental freedom so many yearn Look at writings from many sources Go on educational courses The right answer is not easy to find Others think they have it from one book They have a deluded mind In other scripts they failed to look Opposing views Independent sources of news Evidence is hard to understand Things are not all planned Read read allow your mind to feed But remember to avoid the indoctrination seed The greatest power is ignorance

Learn and don't give it a chance Hate and war feed on the dumb Use your thumb To flick through pages Understand past ages Dampen the fire of intolerant rages Learn languages Talk to others with paper power Remember life is delicate as a flower Use words to promote this treasure Build a world of love and pleasure Use paper power to unite Pour thought water on those who would fight Paper power use it to bring joy Let us use words like a toy Make others happy On a keyboard tap yee Words of delight Use paper to power goodness and light

# One look

There are those who take one look They claim to be able to read you like a book Its seems they can see a stranger They can tell you immediately if they pose a danger Do they get it wrong? Oh just ask them their views are firm and strong They do not think before they speak Appearing strong and defending the weak Simple solutions they propose That one is a witch everyone knows A burning innocent screams Their death fuelled by mad dreams The mad are those who want to kill Based upon some almighty will The danger is real People's minds they steal

# Diese

Diese tag ich mochte musik Diese nacht es ist gut Ich habe schlick Es ist fur die blut

Habst Sie eine Ungeheuer Nein es ist ein hund Diese sind mein Auto neuer Das ist gut

# The Village Hall

What goes on at the village hall Can be found at the notice board on the wall So many things A group comes and sings Small theatres come and show Some compact play they do know Coffee mornings, soup and talks Slide shows of sponsored walks Learn new skills Raising funds to pay the bills Displays of art Get the new year of to a bright start

# Cinema

In a town not far from here I went the other year To see a movie with a friend We watched it all to the end The back seats were more expensive But the area for ones bum was more extensive No view obscured by the head in front This old cinema was much better to be guite blunt Than those multiplex affairs Where the aim is as many bums on chairs A head in front who cares Such a shallow slope and lots of stairs So go to the little local screen And please be guiet during the show To eat popcorn loud is obscene It spoils the enjoyment don't you know Indulge in the visual art Oh and please go to the loo if you need to fart

# Cars

Cars are strange people too Its like a mobile zoo Wild animals in moving cages Containing all those pent up rages The person driving home from work All wound up by his boss who is a jerk The lady late Rushing to avoid having no dinner on her husband's plate In the morning people grunt As they are cut up by some selfish c\*\*t Oh their blood heats up fast Give the silly sod a blast All these kids should walk to school Bloody space wagon driven by a fool Clapped out cars driven by yobs While people drive for hours to their jobs

# Nice Weather

When it's nice you do react Say we should go somewhere and that's a fact But you are tired from the week Its and effort even on the phone to speak So the Saturday fades away As you recover and laze all day Sunday comes but now the weather is so bad That wasted Saturday makes you sad But you know you were too tired So you envy those who early have retired

# Learning

What's it for, this learning The lost time having fun you are vearning You studied to progress Yet now you earn less Than the person who mends your pipes Or the one for whom you work and his ass you wipes Learn and work Were you the burke Helping idiots all day So how come they get better pay Some have all the luck Your studies took so much time you did not even get a f\*\*k Now single and alone While the stupid rabbits build their mansion home With your work and knowledge they progress Squeezing more from you for less You want to have some fun But work all hours and have none Who appreciates what you do Know one, so here's a tip now think of you

# Value

We often undervalue what we do But there are those who Can tell that we are good They use our skills like we should Saving time they employ us Things that seem easy we sort without a fuss Thinking we can't charge much People take advantage of our soft touch Yet without our skill They would struggle for hours still So be aware of charging what is rightly fair Avoid greed don't go there

# Nice Car

They travel in their posh car To get wine in bulk from France A flat in town and house in the country far Off to a weekend dance But when they receive your bill You would think they were ill Claiming that they don't have much money Huh you think that's funny How much will it cost they say When they need your services another day Playing mental games with costs and guotes It's worse than recounting votes So you do comply Choosing cheaper things and buy Then when all is installed Ten times a day you are called It's not working very well They scream at you like you've put them in hell We paid all that money but it does not work Making you feel like a useless jerk Why did you try to do it cheap? You know you will get no sleep Trying to say I told you so This won't wash so let it go Hours you will spend The cheap hardware driving you around the bend So next time stick to what is good Make them pay what they should Fit and forget And if they whinge ask them how much their dog cost at the vet Or what a plumber would charge Say what was the bill from the garage?

# Carrots

Crunchy carrots nice to eat Raw or cooked are a treat Organic ones are full of taste But carrots contain lots of sugars so think of your waist

# Onions

These will make you cry But do you know why Cut the base with a knife Oh now you will have a sad life Tears streaming down your cheeks You have not cried like this for weeks The sulphuric acid from the base Is released and affects your face It stimulates the stream That runs down your skin Like condensed kitchen steam The onion fights but can not win In the pot it does go Cooked nice and slow

#### Peas

I think everyone likes peas When asked do you want more I always say please Like tiny apples with no core

#### Jewel Case

It sounds so posh Like it would cost a load of dosh Yet this plastic case Is spewed from machines at an alarming pace Costing pence And coming to the CDs defence Thin cases holding just one To those containing many often computer games of fun



#### In the garden

When picking thyme My mind whizzes into rhyme You think this can't be true It is because I see a wondrous view Not mountains or the sea But things of detail and beauty Flowers get me sneezing text Which you may read and feel quite vexed For some of what I write is full of passion While much is quite old fashion A revolution may begin Because someone has read within A word or two that stimulates them to do Something that is required To push humans forward to the new They feel inspired

#### Televison

How many people do not read? Their brains they do not feed Exercise for the mind is hard As is running around the yard So they sit and watch the box Putting their feet up with holey socks No time to mend or buy They don't have time I'll tell you why Programs of all kinds Even the sun is shut out with roller blinds To stop its reflection Interfering with their viewing infection They can not visit friends Because they would miss friends This obsession is so strong For the next episode of a soap they long To see a film they stay up late Leaving the washing up what a dirty plate If they were religious they would be fanatics Storing hundreds of videos in their attics Satellite gives them more Now operating the handset is a chore You can only talk to them about some plot Of a soap featuring some dysfunctional lot The weather can be so nice Yet they would not miss an episode at any price What is it that holds their attention? Is it escape from reality relieving life's mundane tension?

#### Sweets

They make us put on weight We eat them and leave good food unfinished on a plate Exercise we do shun It's such hard work so how can it be fun Oh another treat How we love things that are so sweet

# **Techno Fear**

It is easier to fear Than to learn Technology improves each year The press earn As they print what people want to hear

# Spare power

Spare computer power Is used every hour To search for alien signals deep in space Our quest to contact a new race If we could do the same With the human brain People who have good grey matter Let their mental batteries run flatter Each day Mental capacity wastes away What could we achieve If in our own abilities we could believe? It is left to a few To research the new To push the boundaries of our knowledge While most just sit and yea Predictably they bark at progress Claim it is responsible for their mess People want cures for diseases Hate their coughs and sneezes Yet oppose those who want to experiment Fearing they are from the devil sent Humans are happy to be manipulated And have stupid rules stipulated Slowing progress because some control freak Did speak Words of paranoia doom and gloom As those seeking local power loom Extremists seek to use the fear of the many And minority targets use any Too gain short term power So like a weed they stifle the science flower.

# sigh beer he her

He did sigh He wanted beer He was about to lie He did not want to hear Her need was to talk She wanted to go for a walk Sex and beer either is all he wanted to get Their marriage she did regret Looking so nice she fell for his charms Wanting to hold him in her arms She was just getting in the way He wanted to be with his mates to play What could he talk to her about sport? Oh no some soppy movie was her kind of thought He made some excuse to go get his alcoholic juice Their relationship was going down the sluice

# Life is strange

My mind wanders all over the place Wondering if I am in some mad psycho race Why bother to do anything the end is the same for all We all hit the wall The route in between is a brief scene But then a spark of inspiration comes and drives me There is a reason you can see You can hear its call For thousands of years people have heard with their ears Others speak of eternal life Yet no progress was made, no plans laid to strive Now we have biotech Why heck We even have the human genome Perhaps we are on the route home What is the point some would say For them it would be more of the same each day Their minds see only years of drudgery They are chained thoughts not free Like those who said man could not fly Yet we reached for the sky Even travelling to Mars, Relatively speaking would be like travel before cars They see the confines of planet earth as a barrier Yet we can soar above this planet, as over field hovers a harrier What can we master given time travel to space? Might one hope unite the human race? Would this spell doom for the petty politicians With their myopic visions We are all too accepting of what is now We must be inspired and have a vision somehow Don't just sit and wait for others, do! Let the future begin with you Each in our own way We can make a new future today

#### Brain

This is who you are It distinguishes you from your car Your pleasures, pain and ability to refrain You are an organic chemical computer It determines what you learn when you train Yet you react to external forces, you time commuter I could watch television or read some ancient book But inside my mind I choose to look To find the words to put on this page To vent my spleen To show my rage Frustrated at what could have been Why were those with intellect Given the thumbs down in reject There are those too lazy to learn Yet from ignorance they derive the power they yearn Like bullies at school they want to pull the clever down To make the great intellectual seem like a clown So they can stay on top They will not stop Even now we let the intellectually challenged into positions of control They shout loud about the soul

# Times of old

When men invented god If you were an unlucky sod You had to go to war Endure much blood and gore To fight for good against an evil foe Who you were not allowed to know Slaves were sold It was accepted to slaughter young and old Women were oppressed The rich were well dressed What has changed?

# Knowledge

Its power can be controlled So how can you take hold? Keep all the people dumb Then they will be under your thumb Or information overload Like a log jam clog the mental road Most will take the easy root Guided by your psychological boot

# Crisps

Potato art for the tongue Like sea air for the lung They come in many flavours Our taste buds savours The feel in our mouth is a delight Crinkle or plain the texture that gives potatoes new height Hear that crunch For many they are lunch Crisps savoury temptation An oral sensation

# Laser Guided Paint Brush (LGPB)

Upgrade your computer today How much I hear you say Hey look at your room Use a laser guided brush and zoom You will have fine lines Decorative signs Load the LGPB software And let the brush take care Design your own style Go that extra mile Be better than the rest Put the LGPB to the test

# Washing basket

The washing basket Can become a smelly casket Exuding beautiful odours This dirty cloths box With lovely smelly socks Sensuous odours Leave it a week The garments get up and speak After a month it becomes a pot of odour gold If you're lucky and things get damp you may even get the delight of mould Two months and the washing machine will rebel Even it can't take the pungent smell One year and even you can't get near The neighbours begin to fear There is a terror alert It emanates from the detection of a chemical weapon - formally your shirt Eighteen months and a state of emergency is declared Your pants have exploded and their fumes have aired Two years and communities are in tears as they move away The danger is so great even the worst delinguents are not allowed to play Two and a half years brings refugees Not humans, billions of bacteria can take no more with requests of asylum please! So remember this tale Before your washing gets stale

# Mobile clones

There are a lot of mobile cones With smart suits And pretty ring tones Dainty boots Ask them what do you do? Looking away towards the sky Why they have not got a clue They know you are a crazy passer by

# Uncle

My uncle is quite old His purse is full of gold

Yet my auntie must make do Are they poor, no not true So why must she scrimp and scrape to make ends meet While my uncle buys silly things reading mags while in his seat You know they where once poor So saving pennies was a necessary chore My uncle did once look into a petrol tank He had a cigarette with long stub on the end That it did not fall, fate we did thank It drove mum round the bend She worried with some fright That if it fell, it would be goodnight They could drive far and wide As they had a car in which to ride Yet they never went on vacation This to us seemed a silly situation Now uncle can only walk Some people had a talk He put the car too far! Making a drive through garage ahh!

#### Shimmering Shore

Shimmering shore with shadows and sand Wind making ripples nature so grand The curve of the beach Blue sea within reach Surf on the shingle Feel the olfactory tingle Like a sea bird looking down below To the place I long to go.

#### Steaming Stoats

The Weasel and the Stoat This is a tale of two The wily weasel Runs his car on diesel To which the Stoat Is apt to gloat The weasel is all arty Loves fine wine and to party

#### Glued

Television rules my life It captivates me as a wife The images hold me in a trance As though bewitched by some magic dance Once I turn it on My sense of reality is all gone To turn it off takes super strength of will Time flies by, and though I try, I watch still Doctor, doctor I need some advice Television is such and addictive vice What can be done? For now I can never go out and have fun The phone rings, it is a friend Who I'm driving round the bend Not tonight I must watch a super play Not tomorrow maybe another day But when can they come around Well I say turning down the sound Sunday afternoon seems alright I replace the phone and have a fright On that afternoon they come to say hello Finding me glued to the Sunday chat show My thoughts are full of TV themes They dictate my nightly dreams People take second place Much to my disgrace Help, I want to be free Is there a TV guidance centre near me?



# Rainforest

Don't they realize what they are doing With the economic system they are pursuing Without the rainforest the climate will Change the world not just in Brazil The professional business men dressed so smart how nice they look As they read the accounts book Economic growth is the plan But what about the new deserts created by man How can the people survive If on earth there's less alive Diversity is the key Not monoculture conformity For some people it seems Have very selfish narrow minded dreams And those who hide beneath a shell drinking tea For he will put it right just wait and see! But what respect does this show For earth's manufacturer they say they know We are right, resist our ways and feel our might You must think like us without a fuss

# Normal

You should have short hair Don't you care? Those men in suits look so smart Drinking coffee they look the part Growing coffee and tea, stimulants for you and me Their poisons are so nice, why don't you drink this vice Does the worker in the third world get a good price? When using chemicals does he get the right protection and advice? Why don't you eat some meat? Aren't you bored of soya and wheat? All those animals must feed So much land with crops in seed Yet with this glut of food While others starve, seems guite rude You look silly in that safety hat But sensible for all your critical chat! You do not read a newspaper, don't you care about the news? Perhaps this helps you in your biases conformist views

# Toilet roll

I am a toilet roll With a nice round hole For a tiny little pole Most people consider me rather droll But where would you be Without me? If you have time to cut newspaper squares After reading the current state of stocks and shares With the new ink you won't go into print When completing your regular stint Recycled paper save tress and wood So why not buy me made with this and bee good?

# For the Record

I am round black and groovy. Carrying the soundtrack to your favourite movie. Analogue in every way. Single or long play. With the vibs, the needle swings. As the rock star plays those nifty strings. Millions have been sold. Some going platinum and some gold. Look how well we've served you. But have we deserved you. For years and years. We've charmed your ears. Reproducing exquisite classic sound. Soft treble to heavy base that shakes the ground. Now where can we be located. Yes on a small shelf, so outdated. Digital and so tiny. Pretty rainbow colours in it's surface so shiny. Just like a cassette in a plastic case. It looks so smart. With a little booklet in the front face. And the shrunken cover art. Inside our cover. Was room for the free poster lover. In this new format. No power and technology, and you can't play that. You can with us. Without a fuss. Remember in the olden days. Just wind the handle on the machine and it plays. If perfection is your desire, dust and noise does detract. This is audibly our worst fact. Digital of course does have quantization errors. This is however audibly an insignificant terror.


# What are we doing?

The sweet rare flower. Big business does devour, crushing it with money and sophisticated. technological power. Like some mindless child. Running wild. But unlike the boy. Who breaks his toy.

Destroyed for expanding profit and for gain.

They cannot economically justify a system that would sustain.

Continued use.

Rather than short term abuse.

Is just not economically viable.

But to rape the earth for all its worth, is that survivable?

Mountains destroyed for their gold.

Which after trading will sold.

This precious metal were does it end, locked away for none to seeking.

Was it right to destroy the mountains beauty?

The river is a sorry state.

But why does the clean up come so late.

Efficiency of industry is part of the solution.

To reducing man's pollution.

But in our haste.

It is still more economic to create and dump excessive waste.

When resources start to run out stake your mining right.

To a landfill site.

The ozone layer is getting thin.

Letting harmful UV rays in.

Now let us praise and pray.

That's better now lets build that motorway.

A historic house can not be pulled down.

In country or in town.

A special site of scientific interest in the way of the road.

Can be flattened, even though a rare toad.

Will be lost.

It is the cheapest route in financial cost.

### When in Rome or in this Home

Please follow these.

Pretty please.

Wash your hands before touching food.

Not to do so would be very rude.

Add to Global warming by smoking outside.

The fumes we can not abide.

Now glowing red cooker rings.

Use the appropriate ring for cooking things.

Television oh no let us speak.

Why sit in front of a box and waste another week.

Lets stay modern and up to date.

Nice and new no decorative old plate.

Use the sponge to clean the bath.

The flannel is for cleaning me, don't laugh.

Women oh lots please.

We like them, how they tease.

# Dribbler

A light hearted look at life. Escape a world full of hate and strife. Take your thoughts off a worry. Don't be in such a tearing hurry. Open your mind, be brave and bold, Experience life before vou're old. Tolerance and understanding. Peace on earth and corporate re-branding. Where is that screaming brat? Ouch, sounds like he has hold. The wrong end of the cat! Like the cover nice and gold? Giggle go on, read a rhyme. Turn the tele off and pick some thyme. Cook a meal, paint that wall. Give dear auntie a nice long called. Most of all have happiness. Forget the washing up and all the mess. Best wishes from the scribbler. He is a silly word dribbler.

### Tractors

Are tractors getting bigger. Have they bred one with a digger. In the fields late at night. The glare of their lights glow bright. Bringing in the crops. So we have food in the shops. No longer rear wheel drive. All wheels are alive. They thunder through the village. Sounding as though some viking hoard is on the pillage. Their engines roar, the ground it rumbles. Waking me from my slumber, from my bed I stumbles. From my window I look down upon the road. Trailers behind, a convoy of tractors pull great load. All that dirt, yet food so clean. It is a wonder of man's machine. Without oil I wonder how. They would transport milk from the cow? Tractors harvesting the grass for silage. In a year what is their mileage? Ploughing fields. Spraying crops to increase yields. The poor tractor works so hard. Yet at night sits guiet in the yard. But without oil.

How would these tractors toil? Food plants need water, light and soil to grow. Without a tractor harvesting would be rather slow. So many would be needed to pick the crop. If all the tractors did stop. Why should things change I hear you say. Is the tractor not here to stav? First we had animals to pull the plough. Then engineered steam to pull it, but now? Diesel is the fuel. That drives the agricultural tool. Will it last? And what then? Another problem for those engineering men? Women too, for they are clever engineers. Yet some societies have strange fears. All people should work as one. Educate all, so the harvest can be done. Solar power, and wind turbines on top of a tower. Lets use our brains to ensure we have the flour. For bread and cakes. Water turbines powered from dammed lakes. Electric tractors! Please remember the weight factors. Heavy batteries, think of steam. No. no do not dream. The machines were to heavy to toil the land. Although I grant a showman's engine is guite grand. Weight compacts the earth, that's why the vehicle must be just right. No too heavy, not too light. Bio-diesel could be used as the power. How much land would you need for each tractor every hour? To grow the crops, to make the fuel. It's like those conundrums one got at school. Those giant tractors that roam the land. In gleaming paint they look so grand. What of the driver sitting all day. Up and down the field harvesting the hay. Is it a very lonely job, sitting in that cab? Like a caged animal in a lab. Back and forth the tractor goes. Planting seed in endless rows. Don't take the tractor for granted. If you do you might find that no wheat is planted. Next time you're stuck in your car. Blasting your horn, you won't get far. Think when you stop. When you get the snack at the forecourt shop. How does that snack get made?

Consider the furrow from the plough blade. Engineers and farmers. Just look at the food in the plane as you fly to the Bahamas.

### Potatoes

Potatoes bulging round. We dig them up from the ground. Clean off all the dirt. Peel the skin, does that hurt? Then we cut them with a knife. Into chips to fuel our life. Or mashed fine and pasty. Sliced thin and fried they are so tasty.

# Dogs

I like doas Watch them play around a pile of logs. Jump in the air to catch a frisby. Or run into the surf at the sea. But best of all I like them most. When they wee against a post. Man's leg, seems to be quite tasty. Funny how when he visits us he is very hasty. Naughty dog feet all muddy. Puts them upon my buddy. Oh dear look what he's done. With the sofa the little pup had great fun! Mummy is very mad. I shall not even describe my dad. Now then son it is not funny. That furniture cost us a lot of money. They are both looking stern at me. I have frozen like a tree. What can I say about my fury friend. Who is driving them around the bend. Please don't send him away. With sad eyes I say. Mother weakens, but father glares. He sends me and pup up the stairs. I listen quiet in the room. Downstairs the storm clouds loom. For many an hour, my parents do discuss. Yet little pup has no idea of all the fuss. He sits still by me, as I listen intensely.

## Taps

Have you ever thought of all the taps. Some placed in awkward gaps. On the bath and in the sink Some for gas, which if left on does stink. Some for hot and some for cold. Chrome plated, plastic and gold, How many taps do you have in your home? Did they have taps in ancient Rome? In factories I think there must be many. Do the Eskimos have any? Boats, planes and trains. Please don't get me started upon the drains. Just taps, which ones do you hate most? Those that spray you while you burn the toast. Soaked by the violent jet. You are sopping wet. Leaking, dripping and some that just don't work. Yank and pull you feel a jerk. When it is push. How you feel like a bush!

#### Drains

Yes, yes I know everyone complains. When they get smelly drains. But think where does it go? Where does all your waste flow?

#### Baum

Ich bin ein Baum Ich habe viele Äste Mein Stamm ist braun Leute kommen für meine Früchte

#### **Country Hygiene**

The fields are green. The farmer lets the cows poo in them, how obscene. Can he not build a loo. For the muck gets on my walking shoe.

#### **Bearded Man**

I saw a man with a beard. He was acting very weird. He stretched his arms out wide. As though he was about to glide. Down the hill he did descend. Flapping his hands and that's the end.

### Dog bloke

Dog bloke in the sky. I upset him because he started to cry. I do not understand. Because I thought whatever I said was all planned. Does he not have a divine way? I don't know what else to say.

## The Lorry and the Car

Said the lorry to the car. 'I know what you are.' 'Oh yes', replied the car, 'and I am better than you.' 'Why that is not strictly true.' Said the lorry, 'I can carry much more than you and people to.' 'From one full petrol tank I can go, three hundred miles', replied the car snobbishly. 'I can do three hundred and fifty with full diesel tanks', said the lorry, 'So you see.' The car sounding sorry, Now thinking about this large lorry, Said Way dan't have my append '

Said, 'You don't have my speed.' Said the Lorry, 'Can't your driver read? The road signs restrict both So you are as much a sloth.'

# Droplets

I dry myself and go to dress. Leaving all in a mess. When I return, all is still, And water droplets lie upon the window sill. I wipe everything clean, No trace is left of where I have been. And what now? Breakfast I think somehow!



#### Shower

I stand under the shower, Like an early morning flower, Standing tall, Against the wall. I feel anew, The droplets lie upon my skin like dew. The mist above the bathroom floor, Rolls away like the mist on the moor. The mirror is no use at all, Just a patch of frost upon the wall.

### Go by train

I went away again, Not by air, by train. I hoped it would be a nice ride, As it took us towards the seaside. The restaurant car, Was not so far, From where I was sitting, And across from me I could see an old lady knitting. I thought I would ask, "Excuse me for interrupting, but would you care for tea?" "Oh, yes please." Was her reply to me. So off I went down the coach, Towards the restaurant car, I did approach. "Hello", I said Cheerfully. "Please may I have two cups of tea?" "Yes, milk and sugar is that OK?" "Oh, thank you, looks as though it will be a lovely day." "Off somewhere nice?" He said to me, "And sixty pence is the price." I finished off our little chat, And went off back to where the old lady sat. She thanked me once again, And through the window, I could see no sign of rain. We soon arrived at the station, Of our seaside destination. What did I do? I shall consider if I should tell you.

## Technology, technology.

The days when you could see the wireless working were for me, Not all this integrated technology. When valves glowed in the dark, Not all this tinv black transistor lark. The radios of today are getting so small. It's a wonder people don't loose them all. There was a time when television was just 475 line, black and white. Now it's 625 line, colour and those noisy neighbours watch all night. Phones, now there's a thing, Everywhere you go they ring. People have them in their pockets, cell phones all the rage. Another gimmick in this over technological age. By satellite I could transmit this page. Fax here, telex there. Information everywhere. Listen to the computer sage. Haven't you got one by now? How can you manage, I mean how? Without such a wonder your business will surely go under. Doing all the accounts, but my written book won't be taken out by thunder. Mailing lists, invoices and forward planning, It's a must, CRM spending and office overmanning. I hand wrote this poem of mine, Yes every line. Thirst The weather here is nice and bright. The crickets serenade me throughout the night. An owl hoots in the moonlight, Before goes on its hunting flight. Soon dawn breaks, And there are on the lakes. The ducks and the drakes.

Their tails up turned towards the sky,

And beaks below searching for their food,

You might be forgiven for thinking their action quite rude.

While above geese do fly,

Chattering while they go.

What conversation are they having, I must confess I do not know.

The day moves on through a cloudless sky.

Scorching heat of the sun drives all to shelter from its searing rays.

Mirages rise from the haze.

The air is so hot and dry.

Where water can be found,

In spring fed pools from underground.

Sustaining all life around.

On their shores so many hoofs do pound.

Predators, so much prey, that flinches at the slightest danger in the air. They run here and there.

The day now drawing on, the heat reducing.

Frogs and toads start calling, a signal for reproducing.

Day again turns to night,

Tomorrow again, shall I write?

### Garlic

Garlic keeps bacteria at bay,

What a stink, some folks do say.

Repelling mosquitoes and mothers.

However it could interfere with lovers.

Your spouse may evacuate the house.

Toasting garlic in the morning.

May deter some from yawning.

But we don't like the smell.

Oh dear, oh well!



### MRSA

MRSA likes to play, Sits on dirty hands all day. Some visit hospitals doing as they should, Using the provided hand wash, they are good. Others seem not to care, Germs from them fill the air. Is it because they're from a different culture? They are as a rock to a vulture. Perhaps its the alcohol in the gel, Maybe they think using this they'll go to hell? Perhaps they cannot read, And so sow this deadly seed. As we wonder. More poor souls go under. Please try not to spread germs, Viruses, bacteria and worms. Hygiene won't cost you much, Simple steps will cleanse your deadly touch. So when you visit a sick friend, Remember it should not be the end. Thank you for your understanding, Ops that lights gone again on the landing.

### Sally

There was a wise rabbit called Sally, Once lived at the end of an alley. Bred for meat, She was so sweet. Sold to a man, Her life followed a different plan. Never needed to see a vet, What a lovely pet.

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