

# The Grapes of Sag



for my Mama's Grandfather  
who wrote General Hospital

and for my Father Paul  
whom we call NeanderPaul

As toxins release from our skin  
in the fomenting sea,  
So also do toxins release from the soul  
by the Barding of Poetry...

## Polymorph NeanderPaul

method simple: break the stick  
homage to the flame  
method civil not 'nough quick  
much too method tame

when he aims to break the stick  
'pends on where he's at  
'pends on sundial clockwork tick  
if the log's too fat

driving force aims not to stall  
polymorph NeanderPaul

## No Returns for Private Hosts

once a day on Ocean Beach  
walked upon the sand  
dropped my wallet and ID  
picked up by a man

walking home aloof on phone  
I received a ring  
'twas a savior at the tone  
to return my things

asked how found me by the phone  
said he was beside his home  
used his phone to search my name  
and found my name .com

claimed a skill of last profession  
was to find that which was lost  
taught this fool important lesson  
no returns for private hosts

## Bud Got Fixed

a change in epoch of the psych  
by plebian the thought of might  
a master - poor morality  
our dog no longer members 3

we snipped out - off his ever pride  
a loss of luster, stalk, and stride  
this furry beast of tail and snout  
creates remembrance of our bout:

demeanor stouted by the **quo**  
is much the same as none below

## Humble Hubble

inspired by the founders' homes  
to work a little harder  
"the sky's the limit" doesn't cut it  
above the sky is smarter

cause shooting for the stars above  
above the sky we see  
will land us firmament above  
our home known galaxy

because of Webb we see quite farther  
an engineer and safety barter  
a speckle of what one can know  
retire Hubble, Martyr!

## Checking In

at home a friend I call today  
to see how he has been  
of all the roosters where I stay  
he is the father hen

he's in between the other guys  
he's in between the girls  
his partner is the mother hen  
to us she means the world

our call's intention's peaceful dove  
we end the call in brother's love

## You'll Have to Board

your music structure still rings true  
your style hard to beat  
my friend, you are a shining blue  
you'll always have a seat

right at my table, this I know  
if e'er I'm truly drafted  
most likely ten years down the road  
when situation's drastic

to stand a chance, they'll have to board  
with water clothed to mouth they'll pour



## Before Assisting Others, Got it

adorn your mask before assist  
help yourself before your kids  
grandma will just have to wait  
last in line is grandma's mate

in the case emergency  
shift my focus onto me  
couldn't help when help I need  
give you breath when I can't breathe?

must repeat "help self instead"  
help myself in lieu of beg  
got it

## St. Pete Beach

wade orthogonal to shore  
lay upon my back  
close my eyes, breath deep till snore  
feel my tingling sack

let the waters wash me in  
calm as gulf can be  
liquid sun bath under chin  
liquor licked by sea

del'catessin by the pool  
let's not eat till we are full

## Stable Abel

much I'd rather working smarter  
rather than me working harder  
though a balance I must strike  
else my body fleshly like

country folk would give an arm  
possibly inflict a harm  
just to work from anywhere  
as my skills have me prepared

salary work is quite stable  
ev'ry Cain must have an Abel

## Renter's Economy

owner manager divide  
manager is like to hide  
'hind the rules set by the owner  
leave a message at the toner

veins of light'ning phones do reach  
quick as fright'ning children teached  
'bout the homestead life of rent  
better off inside of tent

income rep security  
ought to not have equity

## Omnipotence

with the future make a penny  
potent you may be  
you times five considered gentry  
potenter times three

fifteen men all in fraternal  
claim to have potential  
three of those are in paternal  
other twelve in sensual

ego, id, and superego  
in the three times four  
pathos, logos, sometimes ethos  
in the three left o'er

always 'nother better spoken  
most of all is omnipotent

## Ballet Feet (for Daniél)

let me see  
obtuse angled prop up  
brings the ballet foot  
to a caress able proximity  
close for inspection  
though the wells of tears!  
- prevent lucid perception.  
down drama face  
anguish  
tight pain  
from the 5th vertebrae up.  
Toe tuck and flex  
an immediate vision  
of selfish sex  
not worth her pain  
for the added 180 degree leg raise  
- the selfish cannot escape  
selfish empathy.  
Will one rub  
alieve any stub  
or friction rip.  
Will Neosporin help?  
Yes but no.  
I don't get to press

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your sole.  
The angle more acute  
- a tinge of detest  
demands comment of rest  
for appeal  
rest for whom?  
With self-conscious grace  
I raise abrasion  
and bruise  
and shattered-bone scar-tissue  
to mouth  
for the only sensual touch  
sensitive enough  
- much prettier than a puppy  
so I ought to lick her wound.  
I'm not always moved  
to orifice sucking  
but God!  
The pressed  
and molded  
pulp of a stub,  
blue-red  
and nicked,  
changes our lives  
with its changing state.  
How is the stem so clean  
when the roots are so dirty?

## Family Book Shelf

forget I that my sapling self  
grafts will for more than me -  
for fathers, mothers from the shelf  
our book-shelf family tree

the pages glued from maple sap  
thin sliced is niece's time  
too shelves are fastened with that sap  
love taps our maple brine

our family tree is more like woods  
prepared by Lord God's sovereignty  
then fashioned into shelves with books  
will artisan to testimony

for trees from which we budding came  
as living flesh do not remain



## Library of Congress

hand select to represent  
librarians are saints  
guarding fleshy tombs and trees  
these books are chosen paints

colored by the effort pure  
of arch'tect engineers  
smothered by the walls of myrrh  
a hidden gem is near

congress has a shelf of books  
distance only is one look

### Separate Antecedent (Acts)

who e'er believeth will not thirst  
means all do not believe  
for only truth is spoke by Christ  
so, false the antecede

salvation from the chosen peeps  
is brought on trust in God  
externalize, throughout commit  
that man is made from sod

patriots are probly list'ning  
A/C politique is pist'ning  
hard to chew that we don't care  
our selfie eyes are glist'ning

Civilian Kleos: Dying Surrounded by your  
Children

in a hammock o'er a cliff  
happy as a lark  
have to make it back to camp  
'fore the weather's dark

not too many creepy crawlies  
dew is not too wet  
birds are tweeting in the distance  
so I don't forget

birds a singing  
mountain tops  
and hammocks to relax  
are healthy for the soul and spirit  
freshing as a nap

'nother thing that birds remind  
is of my Mama's Dad  
"This one's for the birds" he spoke  
before his breathing's last

Why the birds? When not the fish?  
Thought I since that day  
as a flyer fisherman

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thought that's what he'd say  
retrospect is 20/20  
this I can admit  
as an avid fisherman  
thought he'd talk 'bout fish.

Daddy's father had a diff'rent  
style at his end  
asked his daughter "let me die?!"  
then looked a sour grim;

this makes sense though brings a tear  
as his end was pain  
tortured by his mighty daughter  
kept him live in vain.

Both to war and back to fam'ly  
poetry then prose  
though they left on diff'rent treatise  
both died Civil Kleos.

## Ego Death by Interdependence

Sister shifting into mother  
pray she has a healthy daughter  
pressure taken off of brother  
time us all an ego slaughter

Ev'ry pivot chose to work  
though not needed cause her beauty  
from a job she didn't shirk  
now deserves she birthing duty

when by word sh'agrees return  
flexible she ought to be  
will her fi-re smokeless burn  
ought decide by child's needs

## Symbol of an Uncle in Kentucky

semblance of a Father past  
and mother, in her teeth  
eyes of uncle in his last  
my counsel is beseeched

buy the farm? I'm asked afront  
no other question spoke  
may have only left a month  
his memories bespoke

common sense is not so simple  
Here, myself is more a symbol

## Dunbar Consent

manufactured feeling I  
am in the group I claim  
Dunbar number limits mind  
to kick out one more name

talking heads are filled to brim  
I cannot fill another  
ought I now begin to trim?  
or else I'll lose a brother

feels like I'm in old boys club  
when really manufactured  
Hegemón at local pub  
when even hood is fractured

not as like to march the streets  
if think I may sink my teeth

## IRS Division of Labor

man is meant to be a team  
with fairer one to mend the seams  
teams are meant to have a head  
of household who will earn the bread

head of household is the maker  
appropriate the tools with trade  
course there needs to be a baker  
to manage house by hoe and spade

separate the roles in teams  
pocket book will surely bream



## Xnor Division of Labor

specialize our roles - let's try  
put our differences aside  
you a gal, and I a guy  
us against the whole world wide

acquisition I shall due  
management you're better - sure  
though my backlog is in queue  
prior'tize our love so pure

simply choosing broader scope  
wider spread when we bespoke

## Ripening Values

why not take from those without?  
give to those within  
nepotism with no doubt  
first fill child's bin

why not spend what has been sunk?  
ladder upwards scathe  
long as values shift top-wrung  
steering from the grave

shifting ladders top a roof  
choose wrung downwards after youth

## Natural Interest

resource allocate by queue  
give to only where there's need  
sensors know just what to do  
divvy only healthy seed

though by God a different tale  
more is give to those who have  
dry an empty water pale  
int'rest on the loan that's gave

right the wrongs of cred inherit  
'gainst the natural law inherent

## Umami Aesthetic

sushi on a bed of carrots  
shredded thin like hay  
fruit dried in martini glass  
summer dress in May

synesthesia is quite flaccid  
in this populace  
visual is all the hyper  
flavor much the less

do not let the doctors know  
you sometimes feel beneath the nose

## I'll Pass on That

don't pass me off as someone sharp  
I'm 'fraid of landscapes  
and the dark

don't pass me off as someone new  
I roll with times  
as fast as glue

don't pass me off as someone mute  
I'll talk your ear off  
rally, boot

don't pass me choice of what is on  
cause passing off means pass baton

## Helmet On

"Helmet On": my doc to me  
commands "when drink a cup of tea..."

"that's the only time!!"

I boast

"not so quick, too, when you toast!"

"Any when in kitchen spent..."

"Any time while in your tent..."

"guard rails, training wheels, sign posts..."

"need to teach you how to roast -

yourself, especially with friends  
not aiming for specific ends."