

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 fury 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'cateassin 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 appeasal
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 diff'rent 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."