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Eternal Craving

A craving is all
A craving for honesty,
Like a child and his first
Plate of purple beets:
I'm stubborn

I surrender completely
Honesty embraces me unconditionally
Fear falls like orange
 October
 maple
 leaves

I'm no longer a soulfully ill child;
I am a golden eagle.

But don't be fooled;
My Herculean hair
Grows from
Vulnerability and humility.
It began with a craving.

Hometown Bound

My hometown has no use for me, I found
As brilliant as I am
As great an individual
To have around
—So they say

Which should bring a frown, to any man
Who is hometown bound
As time passes, you may find,
You're not so great to have around

Better off being a clown,
Better off in that western town

A sinner and a drunkard
Is more acceptable if you're hometown bound
—I have found

Leaking of the Gospel truth
Is hazardous to say the least;
You'll be shunned, persecuted silently
—Oh my, oh good grief
Can't seem to get no relief

But you know the truth:
Tribulation is the nature of this age,
Those married to Christ,
Have been there done that;
It was, and still is, all the rage

All things change.
But the truth,
Remains the same

Fight to stay there every day,
Keep clear of the great deception taking place,
Resist the insanity of the game

Peace, joy, and serenity
Is your reward:
Resist temptation
Eyes, on the Lord.

Bumble Bee

A bumble bee came to visit me today
She was just outside the window, as I sipped on my café
Americano.
So lovely is the bumble bee, with her yellow and black coat
Like a tipsy toddler, she fluttered and danced about.
Mesmerized was I, of the magical qualities of the bumble
bee.
She only stayed for a short time and off she went to visit a
flower or two;
What words of wisdom did she have for me?
Be kind, gentle, and always remain humble, like the bumble
bee,
Towards nature.
Thank you, lady bumble bee, you made my day.

Recipe for a Perfect Day

First, take surrendering your will freely,
To a Creator of your understanding
—One of pure goodness—
Stir in sunshine and blue skies
Mix in a sandy white beach and pleasant palm trees,
Pour in a turquoise sea teeming with life
—Especially sea horses—
Add a bay and rocky cliff,
Serve with a warm breeze and a leisurely
Stroll with someone you love with all your heart.

Cheer Up

Cheer up, lonely man
Things are not what they appear.
We're with you:
The angels and the Holy Ghost
So, chill dawg—you got nothing to fear

The plan is unfolding just as it should
I'm telling you gently,
Keep that self-will checked
And stay away from Hollywood

I'm trying to save as many as I can
You gotta believe me;
You and your loved ones
Even that wayward one "Stan"

So, cheer up, lonely man
Things are not as they appear
My plan as precise as a Rolex
Be patient;
Everything—in time
Will be made oh, so crystal clear

Keep loving me, and trusting me
With all your heart, soul, and mind

Love others as you love yourself
Be ever patient, tolerant, and kind.

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