# POEMS From the Other Side<sup>©</sup>

# SAMPLE READ

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## How to Make America Great?

Whites, end bigotry and racism Men, end unequal pay and sexism Blacks, end the bloods and the crips Women, end back-biting and back-lips Church, end molestation and condemnation State, end desolation and segregation Politicians, love people not money, speak truth not lies Citizens, self-educate and be wise Teachers, give us life skills not unwanted information Police, no more abuse and violation Muslims end hatred and Isis Christians, don't be self-righteous Doctors, start curing stop killing President, stop the blood spilling If we all fix ourselves The country will fix itself.

### ADVANCEMENT

I see thy water slide down thou brow And I simply wonder why and how How shall thou be anxious and uptight? How shall thou be nervous and pale white? Calm thyself and be undisturbed There is no reason to be perturbed Calm thyself at once and be at peace Thy sweat, thy shaking thou must surely cease For I have come to bring you good tidings and joy Just like a toy brings to a little school boy For thy employment you will surely keep Like a good shepherd who leads his sheep Thy have shown me you are ready to lead From my smile and my tone I am sure you can read This briefing I have summoned is no concern For a raise and promotion you have more then earned So congratulations to you on such a great job Don't let this go to your head and become a snob.

#### NO JOB

I would climb mountains for you I would walk down valleys too I would fly the airs with the birds and bees I would swim the oceans with the fish with ease I would buy the moon and the sun I would stop bullets shooting from a gun I would stop a moving train with my bare hands And cause it to rain on these dry lands I would cry you a river when you go away No matter the weather its here I will stay I would crawl underground to find you the best gold And fly above the highest heights for stories untold I would work hard to buy you the fastest car And find you the best liquor from the bestest bar I'd get autographs from the greatest athletes And buy their shoes and put them on your feet I'd make you the biggest dinner with potatoes and steak And for dessert I would bake you the sweetest cake I will defend you and protect you from every dirty cop And in the courtroom, I'll get a lawyer that just won't stop I'll bare your children no matter how many you want I'll never nag you, scold you, grumble or haunt I'll even tell my momma she cannot come in this house If she has not learned how to respect and honor my spouse I'll tell my daddy, he better stop making it hard on you Because me and you are stuck together, together like glue I'd lay on my back so you can make sweet love to me And then I'd make you a sandwich and bring it to thee It's because of my love for you These things I would freely do But I will not do what you just asked me to do For God did not make my mouth to do that to you.

#### BIRDS DO WHY NOT US

Cardinals, canaries, blue jays, and pigeons Penguins, ostriches, ducks, and geese Robins, pelicans, turkeys, and chickens Swans, flamingos, storks, and owls Parrots, eagles, hawks, and buzzards Crows, seagulls, herons, and peacocks Falcons, sparrows, doves, and cuckoos There are so many birds so many species So many colors so many shapes So many sizes some with feathers others with none And still they live in harmony No hating no demeaning no talking down They have accepted their beauty And those of other birds They do not feather shame each other Some fly and some do not They do not believe one is better If birds can be beautiful and wonderful As diverse as they are Why cannot humans see the same? Just as birds come in different shapes Sizes and colors Humans do as well and still Are beautiful Like the crane, the passerine, and the sandpiper There is no human more important More better More superior to another Birds function without hate

It's time humans do the same

# 127

A hundred and Twenty-Seven And she is finally dead What took so long? Why live this long? What else is there to see? What else is there to do? My great, great, great Great mama has finally Went to see Jesus And I am elated She has left me Money and land

# THE GEESE FROM CANADA

The chicken crossed the road
To show the deer it could be done
Successfully without being hit
Unfortunately, the deer
Was not paying attention
However, the Canadian geese was attentive
She taught her family and friends
How to successfully cross the street
Which is why today the Canadian geese
Can cross the street
Better than the deer
The chicken
And unfortunately, the human

## BETTER PHRASES

Your words are important. Life and death are in your tongue. What you speak is what you will have. Be mindful of your words.

OLD PHRASE	BETTER PHRASE
I killed two birds with one stone	I fed two birds with one worm
I love you to death	I love you to life
My feet are killing me	My feet hurt, but I will live
I'm starving to death	I am hungry
I could eat a house	I am hungry
I could eat a whole cow	I am hungry
I could eat a horse	I am hungry
It's raining cats and dogs	It's raining water
You're killing me	You're upsetting me
I could kill you	I am so upset that I could slap you, but I won't
I am so stupid	I made a mistake, but I will learn
Tain so stapia	from it
I (you) am (are) so mental (crazy)	I (you) am (are) wonderfully silly
I hate my life	I dislike what I am going through
	right now, but it will make me
	wiser and stronger
God hates the Jews, Blacks, and	For God so LOVED the world
Gays	
This costs an arm and a leg	This is expensive, but at least I
	don't have to sell an arm and leg
	to get it
I hate people	I am annoyed with a specific
	person. No names need to be
77	mentioned.
You're a fool	You have done something foolish
You've killed me	You have caused me emotional
	pain, but I am still alive
I am tired of it	I am done with it

## **IDIOMS**

The milk has spilled

And I will

Cry

Over it

Why?

Because the cats and dogs

Have come to rain

Not to steal thunder but

To come out of the bag

And to bark

Up the incorrect tree

A tree

Not a bush to beat

Around a bridge

To cross as you come to it

By the fence you sit on

Watching the moon which is blue

Near the cloud with lining of silver

Not copper like the penny

I gave you for your thoughts

Which you preferred I paid

An arm and a leg

But I needed my leg

To tango with you

Because it takes two

To see eye to eye

So to make a long

Story short

Don't pull wool over people's eyes

Because you will receive a taste

Of your own medicine

And you have heard that

Straight from the horse's mouth

And not the grapevine

And that is the whole yard

All nine of it

# **GET ANOTHER**

Well he left you High and dry And now all you Can do is cry Girl, get up On your behind And get another There are many Fish in the sea Birds in the air And cats on the land So wipe those tears And get your swimming gear Your air gear And walking gear And simply get another

## LOVE IS

Love is massaging the backs of those who stabbed yours.

Love is giving sun to those who shade you

Love is lifting the people up who took you down

Love is speaking kindly to those who gossiped and rumored

Love is praising those who criticized you

Love is complementing those who condemned you

Love is smiling at those who frown at you

Love is laughing with those who have laughed at you

Love is hugging those who dream of strangling you

Love is giving love to those who gave you hate

Love is not an emotion

It is an action you choose to execute in the midst of hate.