

Poetry Series

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Many things have happened with me over the forty three years I have been alive. I have been loved, and loved myself...at times. I have been mad, mean, bad, good, nice, friendly, lonely, obtrusive, elusive, among others...many others. I will say, being shot in the head and living to talk about it, is very, very disturbing. I say disturbing because it is painful, archaic, meaningful, thoughtful and thoughtless. The police officer that shot me has been forgiven...though he has his demons everyday. I have written over 500 poems...subjects vary.

(un) Screw

When your soul is surrounded take a deep breath
don't let your feelings lower to a depth
A depth of misunderstanding, also despair
take that deep breath, show that you care
Care for yourself, the good you can do
a bottle cap is not, the thing you need to screw
Screw your head on, put your pants on tight
cause the road ahead, will cause you to fight
Fight for your being, the way you know best
forget the stupidity, the unlawful caress
The caress of the wrongs you have done in your life
a step ahead in time will earn you the knife
The knife to cut away the baggage you now carry
know in your heart, bad times you can bury
Think of the good and the smiles you have had
how many people have you made glad?
Neighbor down the street, the kid on the block?
as a volunteer, doors you will knock
Knock to spread the message of love in this world
your mind will release, souls will be stirred
Stirred for the good, ones in real need
help heal the wounds, so they won't bleed.

January 6, 2009

Dwayne Banks

Admire Evil?

A ruthless heart, not the way to be
there are no sunrises, there is no glee
No laughs, no smiles; true disdain
every minute, every hour; only pain
Soulful tears, min'ute thoughts
no yes'es, no maybes; only nots
Can you admire the way you are?
your driving, speeding; you'll crash the car
Neglecting the good for your own congruence
in your mind you gain the ultimate influence
The authority you think you command
will leave you standing with an empty hand
The question now is...How do I depart?
quit feeling this emptiness, in my heart
There are some answers, though one stands alone
I often call it 'The No Sin Zone'
To move into, you must first sign the lease
the one in charge, the 'Prince of Peace'
The LORD Almighty, the 'King of Kings'
not the Prince of Darkness, no extravagant rings
Continue Evil, go on about your way
my heart, my soul - Jesus -that's all I'll say

January 23,2011

Dwayne Banks

Adventurous Calling

Live life to the fullest, though do slow down
A young adventurer looks for the crown
The crown of good in a malicious realm
Stay true to the course, man the helm

Knowledge you possess will help all around
The life you have is Heaven bound
You've known the good, she was your rock
Nothing she did, crashed your dock

The dock of life she helped you tame
A heartfelt promise, a remembered name
What do I have left in this life of mine?
A subtle reminder? , societies sublime?

I will stand with my head held high
Some laughter, some sorrow, never a sigh
The adventure I am on has been given to me
I won't lie down, I will not flee

I will continue everyday I'm alive
Knowing the Lords' grace will help me thrive
Thrive down my path of life's' highway
Knowing tomorrow; will be a sunlit day.

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April 25-26,2012

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Always Think Of Heaven

When Family loves you, you can tell
Always think of Heaven; never Hell
When Family photos are taken, they exude all
Always think of Heaven; Peter and Paul
When Family is together, there is a word 'kiss'
Always think of Heaven; Genesis
When Family creates, the best feeling around
Always think of Heaven; actually solid ground
When Family reunions, are the years' events
Always think of Heaven; you are Heaven sent
When Family members, are graduating school
Always think of Heaven; actually really cool
When Family takes a fall, then just has to rest
Always think of Heaven; it will be the best
When Family has turmoil, agony and pain
Always think of Heaven; it actually helps again
When Family needs a break, in life's' game
Always think of Heaven; that's where the Lord remains

Dwayne Banks

Apart And Confused

(written for Ismael Moreno., incarcerated in Dallas County Detention Center
Aug.7,2008)

A place with no sunshine, there's only pain
received your letter, its begun to rain
We have a history, though now just broken hearts
it's only because, we both have been apart
How can you say; I'm important, then you leave
when our love and understanding, let us both believe
I know we're both confused, being seperated and apart
there is a reason why, our love in part did start
It started with a look and a smile I did enjoy
so how come seperation is a word you do employ?
I know that your scared, yes, we're both confused
thinking I have done, has not kept me amused
I am all alone in a place that has my kind
your saying that your scared? that's just in your mind
The thoughts that you are having, seem to be one-sided
when in the past; my thoughts, in you; I have confided
Everything in life is subject to resignation
How can you do this, when I am in confinement?
You have spoke spiritually, in the past I do recall
so how come you have chosen, thoughts to make me fall
The selfish act has shown, you have just let go
don't forget, I Love You, my rain has turned to snow.

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Between The Lines

Poems are written to relay pain and spite
poems are also written, to show wrong from right
The ability to show a special point of view
is like finding out, people have a clue
Words have a meaning, simply by themselves
putting them with others, opens the shelves
Sometimes poems are chaotic, severly tangled
thats because the subject has been mangled
Often I see a relation to all of lifes' dramas
some write about the good, others about the traumas
A poem is an actor that needs a place to be
words are its contents, subjects are its key
Situations often cause certain words to be used
salutations can make sure words are not abused
A pen in the hand can bring pain to the heart
though a hand with a brain, is a better start
Rhymes often mimick very subtle lines
poems in Nature are rythmic at times
People often see the illusion without knowing
children see beyond, because they are growing
So, when a poem is read or lymeric is said
read between the lines, before you go to bed

January 4,2008

Dwayne Banks

Burned Learning

Children are our hearts, our future glory
listen, you'll hear a story
The story, awesome when told
listen now, before they grow old
Every little word, you taught them to say
may make you smile or frown today
Sentences are formed, expressions are learned
be very very careful; as not to get burned
Burned by your actions, you were unaware
your young one thought, you really did care
The fight you had with your partner that night
actually turned on the proverbial light
Behind the curtain, you never knew
actions that night, made them blue
Why pull the trigger on someone you love?
you now have to answer, to the good Lord above
You are now visited by the children you raised
now you wonder? , why their eyes are glazed?

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Do You Have Gods' Heart?

Why do some people think only of themselves?
subserviant greed, they have their own shelves
Shelves they think they will fill in time
always drawing the proverbial line
The line that I speak of is in the sand
never forthcoming is the helping hand
The Lord gave all a heart and soul
will you ever fill a young kids' bowl?
Will it stay empty because you walked by
thinking of yourself, you never did try
It actually is; a meaningful task
or are you waiting for a young one to ask
Have you ever fed the birds in the park?
Mockingbird, Sparrow, or even a Lark?
Has there been a smile to any human being?
mouths are for talking, eyes are for seeing
Speak when you can, look if you will
The Lords' lost souls, you cannot kill
What will you do in your time of need?
first, get rid of your subserviant greed! ! !

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Dusk To Dawn

What do we do, when we are born?
how do we inspire, to actuate the norm?
A lot of help is needed, to bring a child above
often it is patience, and a lot of love
Actions are done, by everyone that's here
always remember, there is a certain gear
Words will be said, by the parent soon
a child's to remember, how to clean their spoon
The family will grow, as will the kids
parents must know, how to treat the kids
Learning is a process, that is often done
everyone involved, there is a lot of fun
Days are not numbered, nights are not counted
only faithful years, can keep a family mounted
Children will grow, parents will survive
days and nights will prosper, keeping them alive
Strangers are known, to change a family
they were children also, without normality
Some times are often, given a faded background
because of the damage, that now has been found
When this really happens, families must bond
because of reality, their future is not fond.

December 4, 2007

Dwayne Banks

Dust Filled Mirror

Time spent alone, no family, no friends
contemplation, mind on the mend
Thinking, solitary soul
figure? , role?
Help the needy? , themselves?
Empty pantry, bare shelves
Shelves once held, abundant galore
Sun rose, dust filled floor
Time promotes self-healing
know your heart, with whom you are dealing
Look, mirror, decide...See
Book, find the key
The key will unlock the door
don't worry, don't fret, its happened before
Souls have withered, souls have died
different? , tried?
Tried civility? , selfish accord?
mental me'lee abundant? , floored?
Pick up, dust off
no one said, 'it would'nt be tough'

Dwayne Banks

Enter The Day

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Awaking in the morning is a glorious feeling
knowing the night before you were kneeling
By your bed, a soulful prayer came about
knowing in your heart, the Lord has the clout
Clout to sustain your minds' good thoughts
giving all around, wants are for nots
Enter the day with good in your heart
hoping and praying that you'll do your part
Your part in society with no sinful disdain
smile when you can, no frownful pain
Walk with your head level to the ground
knowing that your soul is heaven bound
Do the best you can in this journey called life
thinking of the good, forgetting of the strife
Not all days will be the best they can
just know in your heart, you are a simple man
One who wants whats' best all around
hoping all stays well on this solid ground
The Lord has made and given us wealth
also he has given us our mindful health
So, when you awake and any bad thoughts arise
go ahead, kneel again, pray to the skies

January 15,2011

Dwayne Banks

Factual Need

There is a place the Lord has made for you
stay straight on your path, you'll know its true
The truth will be shown, to you in time
deal with reality, forget the sublime
Think of the good, keep your heart intact
blessings are abound, as a matter of fact
The fact that you faltered in your time of need
was there a reason? , absolute greed?
Did you want more than you could control?
absolute running in a constant lull?
Never admitting you were over you head
was it evil thoughts by which you were lead?
When did you realize you could not sustain?
the ever-present evil, bombarding your brain
We all think a little will grow to alot
it's actually called; a subserviant plot
The plot of the devil with no love in His heart
will abuse and hurt you, that is His part
How much pain can one person endure?
until they come around to the One thing thats pure
The pure that I speak of is the Good Lord above
as I've said before, he'll fit you like a glove!

January 16,2011

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Full Blown Grin

The smile thats often seen, in glossy photographs
is not put together, by inordinate corporate staffs
Their often true, the word we know as nature
not seperated by, unheard of social stature
From the young to the old, the rich and the poor
BBQ cookouts, along with the chocolate smores'
The grin starts first, then its' full blown
with the 'ittle bitty, to the full grown
Happiness is rampant, in the family kids
smiles outweigh the frowns, love outweighs the skids
Often we forget, what is needed in our young
chuckles of endearment, words that they have sung
When a frown is seen, tears do often flow
this is even known, to all whom now do glow
Cartoons were a way, to see a joke today
now their all political, with a price to pay
Why has the smile, been tested beyond reproach?
from the high school principal, to the football coach
We live in a society, that needs a chuckle now
from the horse led trailer, to the commercial cow
So, When you want to bitch, complain and cause a scene
stop with what your doing, Smile; quit being mean!

February 27,2009

Dwayne Banks

Good In Bad Out

Do the best you can everyday of your life
sunny days will come, also some strife
Though when the bad raises its' ugly head
say a prayer to the Lord before you go to bed
Awake with a smile, then do the best you can
always remembering, you rule your own land
Let the good in, kick the bad out
it will take time, there is no doubt
Nothing is simple, we know life can be hard
do what you can, walk the long yard
The time it takes to travel, keep your head high
there will be some tears, and yes, a long sigh
Do what you can to keep your head on right
remember the Lord, on your earthly plight
Your plight to do what is humanely possible
use your head, quit being docile
No aggravation is needed for you
there are many colors other than blue
So, remember, when times get you down, things don't look right
say a prayer to the Lord, let your soul take flight

Dwayne Banks
January 8, 2011

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Instill Good

When the Sun rises, the air calms down
the Earth warms up, exhibiting the crown
The awesome glory that is known all around
prayers are said for the homeward bound
People are known for the good in their heart
hoping every day, they've done their part
Their part to instill in the children of today
knowing good from evil, is the only way
The way to a pure and awestruck life
finding the goodness, forgetting of strife
Walking amongst the past of our time
lives cannot be turned on a dime
As we were taught, did we even listen?
the wanting of darkness, absorbs the Suns' glisten?
Why as humans do we think the way we do?
wanting to blame others when life goes askew
It has been said 'things happen for aa reason'
why promote darkness in every single season?
When the Sun rises and your eyelids do open
say a prayer to the Lord, don't remain unspoken

November 29,2011

Dwayne Banks

Is There A Right Side?

The day started cold on this Thanksgiving day
people helping people, foundations they lay
The foundation I speak of is the Lords' awesome glory
it's been written and told, The Biblical Story
Generations ago, living was hard
and yes back then, there was the Race card
People chose sides, turned backs on another
whatever happened? are'nt we all brothers?
Times have changed, though things stay the same
break out of that mold, live Life's game
Help other people whatever their shade
mental ability, the Lord hath made
Walk with your pride deep in your heart
You, and you alone, please do your part
If questions are asked, take a minute to think
right not wrong, this is the link
The Lord said the same, in many many ways
thats why clouds are on sunlit days
This Thanksgiving Day is a miracle to see
people helping people, not just me! ! !

November 24,2011

Dwayne Banks

Just A Thought

When life shows you a gray sky,
say a prayer, know your weather will change.
All things in life come titled, you must
enable yourself to understand the place in
your life for such things. Understanding is
key to the placement of your soul.
Knowledge is the ability to discern simplicity,
forethought and complexity.
When conclusions seem intolerable, exclusions
enacted conclude. Statements enacted affect beings,
actions enabled conflict seeings.

July 19,2008

Dwayne Banks

Known Wonder

Heaven is known to all whom believe
that Jesus will meet you, when you leave
Leave this world that we call Earth
you've been here since the day of your birth
When you started life, you saw black and white
the days were woven into the night
Wondering, not knowing, what was going on
what was dusk? , what was dawn?
You found the day started by your Mothers' heart
having no idea, what was your part
The next thing you know, your learning to talk
then after that, you learned to walk
Smiles were abound when you said certain words
first there were Nouns, then there were Verbs
As you excelled in your own simple life
the woman you met, you now call your wife
You are now expecting a child of your own
it won't take long, for her to be grown
One thing you instilled, was what you were taught
that Jesus died for you, without a second thought

January 24,2011

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Learn The Good

When things come down, not from the rain
do the best you can, try to maintain
Always look up, please never look away
always bow your head when you sit to pray
Ask people you know if it's wrong or it's right
always say your prayers each and every night
Know you have good even though you've done bad
try to keep your smile even though your sad
Do not forget to love all the people whom care
don't forget to add them in your nightly prayer
When you make a mistake, try to retain
a thought in your head, not to do it again
Know when you help your doing the Lords' will
be sure to stay away from the 'outlandish' pill
Every day your alive, your actions will prevail
please do your best, tip 'the' proverbial scale
People do things to affect our social being
those people walk without ever really seeing
Treat people the way you'd like to be treated
say good morning to all as they are greeted
In life do things that help other people
every Sunday morning, sing a hymn in the Steeple!

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□ Wayne Banks

□ June 14, 2008

Dwayne Banks

Life Has A Voice

I often wonder, what's going on
A word is said, hatred does spawn
Subliminal messages in some songs
Mass hysteria, overwhelms the gongs
Massive explosions, in church held pews
Often makes the national news
Words are voiced to low class subs
Extensive noise in downtown hubs
Primitive movements viewed abreast
Produces law with bullet proof vests
Mindful ignorance overwhelms the young
Stupidity is voiced using the tongue
Acceptance forces many to wrong
Lives are burnt by the bong
Residual ignorance can be broken
Educational verbiage to be spoken
Generational viewing is an action
Subsiding ignorance of the faction
Idealistic realization
Opens paths in our nation
History has shown an uphill battle
Mapping a journey for the rattle!

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□ February 3,2009

Dwayne Banks

Lifes' Shelf

In this world we call life never forget
the blessings your given, or you will regret
Regret that you never helped someone in need
is what you possess, a subserviant greed?
Why must you think of only yourself?
The Lords' head is shaking, your on a shelf
The timbers are worn, metal decayed
do you regret? that you never prayed
Never said a prayer for a person in need
here's the word again; subserviant greed
Walk as you may, see as you might
please say a prayer, each and every night
Start with your loved ones, if you so may
knowing the Sun will light up thier day
Rain in the forecast, meaning times may be hard
hope does arise that you won't be barred
Barred from Heaven for what you have done
walking through life, clouds with no Sun
You now have a chance to correct all the wrongs
start doing whats right, no one needs a song

November 25,2011

Dwayne Banks

Light

Black man, White man pass
neither uttters Alas!
Societal presence askewed
scholars behooved
Times of Today
enlighten the way
Black man, White man pass
both utter Alas!

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Light Before Shadow

When life seems hard, full of pain
know you can, be born again
There will be times, that you'll cry
when you awake, just know you'll try
Say a prayer, day in - day out
the one your praying to, has the clout
Your actions, your thoughts; are recorded
simply know, your not being thwarted
Days will be good, days will be bad
never forget the good times you've had
Know your loved ones, dead or alive
want the best, for you to thrive
Don't think of yourself, you alone
cause simple pain, cuts to the bone
Help people strive, make them smile
your guaranteed, to walk another mile
Know your soul and spirit are well
house of the Lord, is where they dwell
When a deed is done, for common good
say a prayer, know you simply would
Help that person, do that very thing
knowing everyday, you pray to the King.

April 2008

Dwayne Banks

Love Contains Pride

When one falls in love, what do they do?
a smile in their heart, it's all about you
When words are spoken, love fills the air
showing each other, they really care
Care for one another, deep down inside
love fulfilled, in comes pride
Pride of sticking, with the one you love
must have been sent, from the Lord above
The light does shine, on all that is right
daily prayers are said, even at night
Mornings with the Sun, start your every day
kisses, laughter, smiles; cherished on the way
Knowing that your loved, someone really cares
live a heartfelt life, no more of the dares
Dare yourself to be, the one who gives the smile
take that extra step, both will walk the mile
Knowledge and commitment, each one to each one
rainy days do happen, then out comes the Sun
Take it step by step, do the best you may
Love will guide and point, to a better day

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Matrix Of The Mind

People often seem to think there is a way
to voice their opinion, at work or at play
To smile is a blessing, this part we know
welcomed in the summer, also when there's snow
What people see every day is not true
their own favorite color, amongst all the blue
The knowledge we possess, a Matrix of the Mind
thats why stupid thoughts, get us in a bind
A flower does bloom, though first it is a bud
fireworks can propel, then there is the dud
Illusions of granduer, will warp a heartfelt soul
thats why prayers are simple, for my Cheerios bowl
Journies can bewilder, the smartest of our time
vodka still stays bitter, even with the lime
It is often said, 'Do the best you can'
Daddy also told me, 'stay a simple man'
Photos that are taken have a special meaning
read between the lines, then you'll see a leaning
When you see a way to correct any wrong
please just simply do it, no one needs a song
Always please remember, this means don't regret
facts don't cease existance, just cause you forget.

□ Wayne Banks
□ October 11, 2008

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Matthew Tyner

Matthew Tyner
Colorado Springs Motorcycle Police Officer

Valor has shown you made the step
Your life excelled; far from inept
Every day was an uphill battle to win
As a young man, you often asked when
When will the crown lay upon my head?
Family, true friends; yes, you were led
Led to adhere to the colors you wore
Your first day out, inside you swore
Swore to uphold truth and law
What happened next, no one saw
We see every day, trying to sustain
The ever present dogma wearing at our brain
You were taken for a reason, all can surmise
Rainy day nights, star lit skies
You are now in a place of peaceful sound
Amazing how this happens, you're heaven bound
You did all you could, you showed you're might
You're in the Lords' lap, no more fight
Please look down, bless all you can
You're the lucky one, you're with the Man! ! !

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July 29, 2012

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Me Or You?

Lonely days, long nights
alone...really?

Acquaintances, friends?
unknown...life?

Faces, society
together...why?

One on One, the key?
unlock...please?

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Mindful

Reality has formed a shell around
my soul, knowing, I am homeward bound
Truth is the answer, in this subserviant plot
they need to know, I have not forgot
When a soul is hurt, battered about
time is the seed, that makes it stout
Questions are often my mindful guest
wanting answers, this my quest
My quest to find, adhere to the good
knowing thus far, I've done the 'should'
I've often wanted, to know the reason why
though for me, concrete blocks are my blue sky
Time will tell, brush away the leaves
allowing my work, the rolling of sleeves
This journey has shown, good and bad
allowing me to thank, for what I've had
Future is opposite, of a persons' past
for me it will show, I'm made to last
Alive for a reason, future is my friend
knowing my life, is on the mend
So, when reality has formed a shell around you
look around, do whats right, please stay true.

January 28,2009

Dwayne Banks

My Little Soul

Pain;
no stranger
true friend

Disdain;
confida'nt
ally

Confusion;
life at times.

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No Big

Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust
Many to help, this I must
Help children play, find their ground
How many are lost? Can they be found?
Find their way, placement for their soul
Creator to ME...this is my goal
Nothing big, everything small
Dead now alive, I have a call
A calling of faith, determination good
A fire does start, a spark for wood
To warm the hands, ears and nose
I'll do my best, though not to pose
Never stand, raise my hands
Look at me, hourglass sands
Do the good for our little ones
Many are lost, no more Suns
The dawn has come after my sunset
The Grace of God, I have met
I was saved to help the few
What is to come, no one ever knew
Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust
Children are our future, to help I must

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Not The Simple Life

This poem is to you Father, the Man that I trust
I need to break it down - this is a must
The actions that I embarked on did include drugs
I have to get away from the simple life of thugs
My children are our treasure, I have lost the key
Please know I'll get them back, this one is on me
Please accept my apology, but don't leave it at that
I have been in the big leagues, now I've lost my bat
My life needs a change and this I am well aware
The thoughts and the pain is something I will bear
I have a hard road with many curves ahead
I've had many sleepless nights, in a County bed
I know I should have listened to stories that you told
You're a very wise man, and no you're not too old
This has changed my life and has burdened you
Just know, please - right now, I am feeling blue
I'm still a young man and you instilled in me
Keep doing what you can until you find the key
My behaviors getting better, actually day by day
I know I need to do this, there is no other way
I will say one thing Father, my life will get straight
I pray to the Lord...I hope it's not too late.

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Open 24/7

When you say a prayer be thankful inside
walk throughout your day exhibiting pride
The pride all Christians exude all the time
knowing our Savior rejects the sublime
The sublime in society to disengage our faith
are we the only ones that believe in the gate?
The gate that I speak of is Heavens' door
open to the rich and open to the poor
It makes no difference your political view
the life that is offered is oh so new
What will it take for some to see the light?
must they first suffer the Devils' bite?
This is the case almost all of the time
sometimes it takes years to notice the chime
The chiming of bells in the Lords' holy house
everyone is welcomed, even your spouse
First come the questions, then answers arise
how come there are clouds on moonlit skies?
The Lord will provide, all you do is ask
prayers throughout the day, should be your task!

December 1, 2011

Dwayne Banks

Paths Need Glue

The healing of the Lord has touched my soul
resurrection of life, I now have a goal
The goal I see is to assist peoples' needs
some of their wants, none of their greeds
Parents are the subject of generations new
assisting forward progress, providing the glue
The glue to sustain the paths to success
with forward progress, there still is a mess
The mess of the boys after a day in the rain
smiles and tears, the easing of pain
The pain that transpires in our society today
wondering and thinking of another day
The day when you see your child with a smile
known dedication of walking the mile
The mile we all know can add extra yards
leave a soul demented, full of fire-burnt chards
Chards that were once a smile on their face
knowing they did good watching their own pace
The pace that was taught generations ago
somehow time was lost, commercials in the show
A movie will begin every day in my life
I can only hope to end heartfelt strife.

February 14,2009

Dwayne Banks

Questionable?

Faith
belief

Love
heart

Soul
mind

Why?

Because?

Dwayne Banks

Read Your Story

When every day is long and every night is short
Get sleep when you can, always do your part
Your part to succeed in life's' endless game
Always making sure, no one knows your name
Incognito now, will allow you to see
Not all humans are full of soulful glee
A story always starts with knowing who is there
Read and simply contemplate, who really even cares
The cast of characters will show one a lot
Some souls, as you read, are easily bought
Why is there a price, why does it cost so much?
A memory is yours, remembering the touch
The touch you remember, is oh so far away
When will it be again? A rain-struck-sunny day?
Weather in the soul, will drown one's own heart
Mindless innuendos is how it always starts
Aware of your goals, speed bumps ahead
Say a prayer to the Lord, you are being led
Led to achieve all that's good in your life
Rainbows are even seen, after all the strife

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Same Old Game

Some people do things to satisfy themselves
they've never had to put their toys on the shelves
Never minded parents when asked to do so
the answer was never Yes, it was always No
Slapped around as youngsters, they do know the pain
rebellion as adults, showing parents disdain
Are they going to treat their own children the same?
generations back to back, it's the same old game
What makes a person change their attitude?
a prison cell, time well spent; simple solitude
Will it continue, can the mold be broken?
contemplation of disaster? , apologies spoken?
What makes a person change their evil ways?
the puzzle of life, hidden in the haze?
Pieces put together, though time not well spent
the thinking, the mindset; cannot be Heaven sent
The way that this happens is simple to tell
the devils' in control, from a place called hell
Early in life the tax was never paid
broken glass, rusty nails; was all that was laid
Had they ever known the Lord from the start
society would be thankful, they did their part

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Share With Your Child

When a child is born, help light their way
coming out of darkness, show a sunny day
When rain clouds cluster, threatening rain
be nice to your child, showing no pain
Let them know, they are astounding
pitter-patt is better than a heart over-pounding
Spread the good you shared when you were a child
Mom and Dad bickered, though to you they were mild
Remember and recount the way you were treated
stick with the good, not the over-heated
Never forget that our children are defenseless
serve and protect them, none of the senseless
Adhere to the good around all little souls
place their favorite cereals in their favorite bowls
Say that you love them as much as you can
those caring words in your vocabulary, do not ban
Teach little children the good in the world
try as you may, don't become unfurled
Allow the experience of the Christian way
have them say a prayer, to start off their day
They will ask questions, answer as you may
be with them at night, as they kneel to pray

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Simple Truth

Nightmares are the Devils' videos

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Dreams are the Lords' movies

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Simplicity Does Hurt

When people talk, others listen
when the Sun shines, water glistens
When a puppy does, children see
when a kitten purrs, so do we
When streets are wet, puddles arise
when children play, they see the skies
When loved ones cry, hearts do ache
when children are born, they take the cake
When women smile, their eyes do too
when pictures are sent, they miss you
When difficult times, show you pain
say a prayer, think again
When ones you love, simply disappear
a child is born, a Mother has cheer
When times do show simple commercials
know your strength, against major dispersals

Life has hurdles, toils and pains; always remember,
if you do the best in even the most difficult situations,
listen to the best of your ability, times can change
and benefit - if not you- your loved ones, then you can
rejoice in your heart that when you last saw your
Mother-she smiled, and the last laugh you
heard was your child's', and the last kiss you received
was from your loved one - You! , Yes You, rejoiced in
your heart and did play a beneficial part in the lives
of the people that love you!

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Smile When You Can

When things get you down, say a prayer when you can
Know in the future, you'll speak to the Man
Let your sorrows be known, leave it at that
Don't dwell in the pain, take a step up to bat
Bat with your heart, your mind at the plate
Also know you love, forget how to hate
Let your persona be well, smile when you can
Remember what I said, you'll speak to the Man
Trials and tribulations are not a daily occurrence
All are not covered with what's called insurance
Know you can cry, also you can moan
Things happen on this Earth, when you're also grown
If a child can battle cancer with no hair on their head
Say prayers when you can, know you're being led
You're being led to a life with less worry and pain
Don't give a thought as to 'How can I gain? '
Do as you can, help ones that have it hard
Though, don't think you'll be dealt the 'ultimate' card
You'd better adjust your thinking with the word called 'Love'
Know there's' a higher power, simply look above
Every day is a blessing to awake with little pain
Love the elderly and our children, with this they will gain

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Societal Servant

Why do some humans treat other humans bad
because of the life someone else had?
When one has the ability to help another out
want to see who they are? , do they have the clout?
When one is in pain, needing someone
why the race, stature card is spun?
How does one become a public servant, knowing the rules
then for some reason, puts humans through gruels
Do they want their family treated the same way?
the answer is No! , could be their kid one day
Does one work with pain only on their mind?
would they mistreat one of their own kind?
Is there an Association that monitors this misbehavior?
in the end, it's the work of our Lord and Savior
Mistreating a human while doing their work
dreams and future movement, now their quirk?
We're in a society that mitigates jobs done
why public servants that live by the gun?
This not only happens with nurses, police or firemen
it happens when parents mishandle their children
As a child I was abused on a weekly basis
now as I write, I'm still looking for my Oasis

March 14,2008

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Stop And Think

When light does show, a distant shadow
Somewhere in the world, a soul does glow
Glow for the goodness, abound all around
Smiles from the heart, for the homeward bound

The home spoken of, is Heavens' gate
Forgiveness of your soul, it's not too late
Stop in your tracks, think of where you've been
You want what's right, no more sin

Never surmise the thoughts in this life
Just doing this, will cause some strife
Think of the good, forget the bad
Walk with a smile, no more sad

Be thankful you are here, reason unknown
We all walk through life, before we are grown
Intersection of roads, some less traveled
Choose the right one, don't become unraveled

This life we know can astound us all
Just walk upright, though be ready to fall
Fall into the love, the LORD has for you
There are many colors, not just blue

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Stumble, Don'T Fall

In a world that turns around everyday
a moment in time, you'll find your way
A way to survive, be good all around
off thy pedestal, stand on solid ground
Feet will be level, eyes will be straight
walk when you can, possess a solid gait
At times you will stumble, maybe even fall
sometimes you will bat, miss the curve ball
Life is a game, whether we like it or not
we know right from wrong, yes - we were taught
Taught to be nice, good and respectful
do unto others, without all the pull
Live everyday as it's your last on Earth
that's why you smiled at your child's birth
You have not seen your child, since she was two
that in itself, turns you a shade of blue
Had you been more of a regular Man
you would have come up, with a better plan
The plan you see now is too far in the past
one thing you pray, is you can outlast
Outlast the pain you have caused in your life
you want a sunrise, no more strife

January 1,2011

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The Game Of Life

When life throws a curve ball, you'll need a strong bat
you'll also need to know, exactly where your at
Look at your position, on the field called life
know certain actions, do cause strife
At times you step away, from the base your on
be sure to keep a distance, not far gone
Communicate with team members, throughout lifes' game
never turn your head, then you never gain
To gain trust and awareness, a major hurdle
just move a little faster, than the fabled turtle
Keep your eyes and ears, attuned to your station
perseverance and hard trust, will earn all elation
Never trade key players, for the chance at fame
hard work and dog days, will actually win the game
Learn all positions, though work and play to win
never let the opposition, see your fretful grin
Do the best you can, know you will fall down
also know you teammates, won't throw you out of town
Mistakes will be made, you will miss some balls
always make sure, to make the best calls
Life is a game, it lasts more than nine innings
keep teammates in mind, when you bless your winnings

May 2,2008

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The Lords Helper

When you find a way, share your thought
do not think about, being bought
The price you pay, a simple one
a smile is shared, you've helped a Son
A Son of God, a Son of Man
we also know, there's no simple plan
You can calculate all you want
if they want, they will taunt
They'll say you are crazy, ill of heart
just make sure, you do not part
Extend your hand, extend your soul
helping of others, is now your goal
Try your best not to go overboard
think and pray to our Lord
Ask for guidance, whenever you can
from Heavens' gate, He will not ban
He will look down, shine His light
let others bicker, let others fight
When you say your prayers at night
pray that tomorrow gives you might!

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Think Loud

Surmise all actions, produce no claims
Keep it undercover, about who's to blame
One often wonders where past actions went
I can even tell when bad tones are sent

Patience is thin when wrong actions are found
Virtue is thick when there's solid ground
Always think different than the common man
Speak louder than actions anytime you can

Actions often speak louder than words
Always be careful, this means the verbs
Studies are done to validate actions
Actions are done to study validations

Minds are elaborate, subjects are many
This combination makes controversy plenty
No words should be written to impress distress
Because once their read, they create a mess

Some days are good, some days are bad
If you awake in the morning, just be glad
Dilemmas are real, they should be addressed
Just openly discuss, so minds are not messed

December 16, 2007

Dwayne Banks

'Top Nation'

People awake, take on their day
shower, then eat, then on their way
Drive to the bus depot
newspaper, wait, coffee to go
Bus ride, drink coffee, read
headlines, discussion, daily need
Ride allows contemplation and reflection
living a lie, seen by detection
People discharge people everyday
some think, no other way
Office is near, stones' throw away
goes on again, another day
Here, same people, front door
smoke, they talk, something galore
Day is a day, minutes tick away
work has been done, no reason to stay
Stop by the store, ride on the bus
small snack before dinner, always a must
Bus arrives again, taking commuters home
smiles pevelant, exiting the dome
Thinking, speculation, dogged determination
keeps people going, this...the Top Nation! ! !

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Travesty

As I read the Bible, I am enthralled
stories captivated, all whom were called
Called to be a witness, to histories' fate
prophets and scholars, pinpoint the date
The date mankind, found their only King
wearing no silver, no golden ring
He was chastized, he spoke the Word
healing and preaching, some thought was absurd
They beat him, killed him, in a single night
what he was doing, they thought was'nt right
He was put on a cross, left there to die
family and friends, could only wonder why
Why put a human, in oh-so much pain?
there is no honor, there is no gain
He was our Savior, our first begotten Son
trials and tribulations, his soul weighed a ton
He touched the lives of people all around
no one ever knowing, he was heaven bound
Resurrection abreast, his spirit took flight
the Lord showed the truth,
the Lord showed his MIGHT! ! !

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True Path

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I have a place, close to my heart
I pray every day, I'll do my part
Impart wisdom, to fellow beings
mouths for talking, eyes for seeing
Seeing good entails forgetting bad
think about now, forget what you had
No matter where from, take the true path
living for the Lord, true daily bath
Wash away the past, cleanse your soul
remember; a diamond started as coal
Take the first step, be amazed
doughnuts start plain, then are glazed
Confide in the Lord, He'll point the way
away from the rain, to a sunny day
Bask in His greatness, don't run fast
get ahead of yourself? , steps won't last
You'll stumble and fall, get up again
slow and steady, one day you'll win
Win the prize, everlasting life
kingdom of God, has no strife
A place that I found, close to my heart
the Lords' precious Earth, now you do your part!

January 19,2011

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Whisper

Living in Alcoholism, not the way to be
I'm aware of that fact, it happened to me
Growing up as a child, though getting beat down
the Man that loved me, made me wear a frown
A daily occurrence in my own little world
nightly tears, caressing a body that's curled
Sounds of distress beckoned through the walls
cataclysmic sorrow of children's calls
Calling for a Mother that loved and cared
only to step in, if she dared
Abuse abound, caring a stranger
free speech in our home, only spelled danger
Days crept by, years passed away
I suffer the same illness, even to this day
How can I think a drug is my friend?
when soulful scars represent the mend
The mending of my heart, body and mind
surviving the me'lee, I'm not one of a kind
Many in this world are affected and impaired
had they stood up, had they even dared
Dared to confront the evil that they saw
Society should step up and enforce Gods' law

February 4,2011

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Wrong Does Not Make Right

To survive a catastrophe is against all odds
just turn around and please bless God
It happens to people that dont know facts
then they find out about certain acts
Things were left out of their normal lives
then slowly they learn why there were no wives
Day by day they battle heartache and pain
severly hoping it doesnt happen again
Thinking back in their lives they see everything
now they figure out why they have no ring
Often they had hoped they would find their hitch
the only thing they found was inside the ditch
Sometimes pain can outweigh the food they buy
though awakening from sleep gives them one more try
People are talked to and asked certain questions
all they are doing is trying for redemption
Children are raised and taught to in school
how come some grow up only to be called fool
Parents are people with a glory faded past
then how are the kids even supposed to last
Wisdom is key for societal bliss
before you go to bed, make sure you get a kiss

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