

Poetry Series

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**- poems -**

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## Nancy Chambers(1944)

Licensed Real Estate Broker since 1967 Retired 3/31/2020 but always liked poetry so in my 'golden years' I am writing poetry. My poems are not deep or philosophical; they are about very mundane things that bring joy to my life and maybe you'll enjoy them too. I also take photos and many of my poems are inspired by them.

# A Dog Named Hercule

There was a dog named Hercule  
He lived in a cage and was treated cruel  
Although he was trained to protect  
He became a police academy reject  
Now he lives with people he loves  
And is pampered and treated with kid gloves  
He roams and plays and is well fed  
He even sleeps in a big soft bed  
To be a house pet he was meant  
The vet says "He is magnificent"  
He has big yard and friends galore  
He'll never want for anything more

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# A Fine Day In June

It was the 9th of June  
The weather was singing a happy tune  
A great day for yard saleing  
With Alan & Lauren in the van a-trailing  
Thought we try something new  
Off we went to Fortescue  
But it was not fun  
The greenheads won  
The day was half spent  
So on we went  
To Bay Days at Port Norris  
Had to arrive by shuttle bus  
Alan took the wheelchair  
Steve & Lauren didn't even care  
Because of stubbornness the seat remained bare  
Lauren foot in cast, limping  
Steve with cane, gimping  
We stopped to look  
At the photos I took  
6 pics was my entry  
Not even one pleased the judging genrty  
Decided to ride on a sight seeing boat  
Down the Maurice River we did float  
The day was almost gone  
When Alan began to yawn  
That ended our time to roam  
Tired and happy we all went home

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## A Mini Vacation

Although it had rained all night  
By 9 AM it was clear and bright  
We did not have a care or worry  
Went to ride on the Delafort Ferry  
Its flag unfurled in the wind blowing  
Off to Pea Patch Island we were going  
To visit Fort Delaware  
Shaped like a pentagon rather than square  
Built to guard the ports of Philly and Wilmington  
But never once fired a gun  
Used as a Union POW camp  
In any weather, it was always damp  
Learned some Civil War history  
Days gone by no longer a mystery  
We enjoyed a very pleasant stay  
Tired and happy we ended our day.

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# A Snowy Day

Silent winter world  
Please snow end your stay, Spring is  
waiting to burst out

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# Abandoned Cats

He dropped a box in the marshes  
Was he up to no good?  
Was it evil?  
Then we saw cats  
Oh No! did he just abandon kittens?  
Checked it out  
Large box  
Contained cat food not kittens  
Good Samaritan  
Helping homeless cats  
Sometimes we get a pleasant surprise.  
Do we get what we see?  
Or see what we get?

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# Annoyance

Robocalls, telemarketers,  
Someone phoning just as the TV reveals "who done it";  
People droning on about global warming  
Drones  
Twitter, tweets  
Weather forecasting "the storm of the century";  
Products that don't live up to their hype  
Warranties that expire the day before the product breaks  
Constant upgrades  
The need to reboot  
Unsolicited opinions  
Know-it-alls  
Hypochondriacs  
Doctors without answers  
"Let's order some tests and see a specialist";  
"Oh and here's a "PEZ " dispenser with antidepressants";  
Gives new meaning to "Take 2 and call in the morning";  
No wonder they only practice medicine!  
So what's bugging you?  
Is anybody listening?  
Guess I'll go annoy Siri and Alexa

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# Avogadro

Avogadro-WOW

Huge number to comprehend

Totally blows mind

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# Baby Loss

Miscarried or Stillborn  
And you indeed did mourn  
But never once said  
That fetus or lump of plasma is dead  
Instead when you grieved and cried  
You said "my precious child died";

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# Betelgeuse

Red Star Betelgeuse  
Can be seen in Orion  
Without telescope

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## Better Poerty 2

Writing a poem a day  
Pure doggerel all the way  
Great poem; what are my chances  
Odds in my favor, so one advances

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## Better Poetry

I'd write better poetry if I only knew how  
Words to make readers stand up and say WOW  
But doggerel is all I write for now  
So shut up sit down and don't take a bow

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# Better Poetry 1

I'd like to write words  
so sharp and so clever  
But being a great poet  
Well probably never

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# Birdwatching Morn

Start the morning, leisurely  
Wondering what bird will visit me  
While I am having my cup of coffee  
Which winged friend will feed  
Upon the suet and sunflower seed  
It is such a delight  
Seeing which bird will alight  
Or to hear a Carolina Wren trilling  
And a woodpecker in a tree drilling  
Oh how thrilling!  
Now there is a Chickadee, Dee, Dee  
Sailing in from a lofty tree  
Sparrows and finches are as common  
As the Harbinger of Spring, Robin  
Sometimes on the a day fair  
A Red breasted Nuthatch is there  
Smaller than a tiny Sparrow  
With head, black and white striped, narrow  
Wearing a patriotic coat of Red, White and Blue  
Birds of with these colors are few  
Sites like these are enough reason,  
To watch birds in every season.

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# Birthday Poem For Granddaughter Jen

What will you do  
Now that you are turning twenty-two?  
Sit and wait for good news to come to you?  
You can't change your past even if you try  
Or no matter how hard you cry  
The past is gone  
It is time to move on  
I could give you many a platitude  
To try to change your attitude  
But you don't have to wait  
To change your life in 08  
The news is surprising  
There is new dawn is a-rising  
It is up to you to decide  
If you want your talents misapplied  
Only you can throw your life away  
And let it fall into decay  
The rest of your life, will you let others steal?  
Or will you use your poems to help you heal?  
So from now on it is up to you  
Now that you are turning twenty-two

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# Bullies

Frogs in the pond, started with twenty  
Now there aren't quite as many  
For dominance they croaked and wrestled  
The weaker ones were chased and hassled  
There is no peace among the waterlilies  
When a pond is ruled by bullies

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# Butterfly

What a beautiful sunny day!  
I want to fly away and play  
There's a butterfly that looks just like me  
Copying my every move, exactly  
Fluttering up and fluttering down  
As we fly around and around.  
Come let's fly towards the sun  
Wait! Why am I the only one?  
I don't understand at all  
We had so much fun at the gazing ball.

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## Cardinal 2

C Could it be

A A communique?

R Red Bird

D Donning a crested head

I Its appearance

N Near your home

A An angelic word

L Love note from God

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# Cassiopeia

Cassiopeia

Shining bright constellation

Gracing northern sky

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# Cold

Bitter cold days Brrrrr  
Record low temperatures  
Some below zero

Where is Al Gore now  
With his global warming speeches  
And Nobel Peace Prize?

Could it be Fake News  
About manmade climate change?  
God makes the weather

Solar Minimum  
All things come from God  
He is in control

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# Dandelion

Oh the humble Dandelion  
Its appearance sets homeowners cryin'  
Harbingers of Spring  
Mixed blessings they bring  
Little dots of sunshine  
Whose petals make fine wine  
Toothy green leaves in a salad  
So many uses  
Someone should write a ballad  
And what about the puffball?  
Heeding nature's call  
Reseeding urban sprawl  
Keep your roses and purple virgin's bower  
Dandelion is my favorite flower

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# David Steinberg

Did you know David was born Brilliant?  
Full of love and talent  
But as Steinberg he became eminent  
Using every opportunity  
To make a better community  
Achieving many award  
Viewing them a virtual smorgasbord  
Imagine someone from SJ Poetry  
A Nobel Peace Prize nominee  
We are as proud as we can be  
His good deeds are prolific  
Gosh I think he's terrific!

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# Day Trip 1

Woke up this morning  
Where shall we go? What shall we do?  
Let's go to Fortescue!  
Have a day of fun in the sun  
Give the dogs a good run  
Should cut the grass  
More fun to collect sea glass  
The day was exciting  
In spite of green heads biting  
While the RE market doses  
We'll take time to "smell the roses"

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## Day Trip 2

On the 12th of July  
Thought we'd give the beach a try  
The weather was not hot just nice & warm  
Wanted to collect sea glass after the storm  
There was a pleasant sea breeze  
But the biting greenheads did not please  
Found a turtle to rescue  
And so ended our day at Fortescue

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# Daylilies

Orange daylilies  
Pretty but gone overnight  
But new blooms next day

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# Days Of Purple Haze

In the month of April they arrive  
Across fields they glide and dive  
Thousands of insects they devour  
Day after day, hour after hour  
To and fro in the sky, they soar in hoards  
They nest in communal houses and gourds  
Their young they hatch and raise  
All summer long they hunt under the sun's blaze  
Farmers best friends  
Till the growing season ends  
In August, millions gather from all the east coast  
NJ's Maurice River marsh is their host  
At sunset birders come to see the sight  
Of millions of swallows on homeward flight  
Now overhead across the evening sky  
We watch the birds and say Good Bye  
Their long journey south they are startin'  
Such is the life of the Purple Martin

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# Debt

Mad Men tell us  
We need the latest and greatest, newest and shiniest  
Gotta have it  
Buy now, pay as you go  
So we buy what we don't need or want  
With money we don't have  
Then we work and work to pay for what we didn't need or want  
With money we didn't have  
Did it make our lives better or happier?  
Now we wonder why we are so tired?  
Why we have no time?  
Why we are not happy with the things we didn't need or want  
with the money we didn't have  
The Mad Men lied  
We bought the lie  
The things we didn't want or need that we bought  
with the money we didn't have  
Now own us  
Debt is the new slavery!

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# Different

Outsider, Misfit

Square peg, round hole; didn't fit

Used to try

In time gone by

Didn't work

Felt like a jerk

Why did I care

If I was a square?

Now I know

Round is zero!

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# Dinosaurs

How much do we know of dinosaurs  
Do we know if a T-Rex roars  
Or how high a Pterodactyl soars  
Or if a Stegosaurus' tail gores  
Or how many Megaladons swam our shores  
Or what new bones the earth stores  
And telling campfire legends while eating S'mores  
Oh how I love dinosaurs

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# Dragonfly

Dragonfly, Dragonfly  
Soaring high in the sky  
Oblivious of the world below  
Or from where you have come

Voracious Nymph, Voracious Nymph  
Swimming in the pond  
Oblivious to the places beyond  
Or to the world you will go

Dragonfly and Voracious Nymph neither of you know

Voracious Nymph, Voracious Nymph  
The pond you must leave  
No one will grieve  
You'll enter a deathlike state  
So you can morph and meet your fate

Dragonfly, Dragonfly  
Soaring high in the sky  
Soon others will join you by and by p

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# Fall

Autumn is Fall  
In Autumn leaves fall  
Fall, Fall, Fall  
Till it isn't Fall, at all

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# Fall Ball

In the season of Fall  
Mother Nature gave a Ball  
Invited all the trees  
That swayed gently in Summer's breeze  
The Oaks dressed in golden yellow  
The Aspens wore orange mellow  
The Maples wouldn't be out done  
So they came arrayed in crimson  
The Autumn Wind played the tune  
As they frolicked under the Harvest Moon  
Until Jack Frost said it must end soon.  
In glorious splendor they did dance  
Sadly November was their last chance  
One final brilliant display  
Before the Winter snows lay.

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# Fall Trivia

Red and Gold leaves  
Bringing in the sheaves  
Misty mornings  
Frost warnings  
Leaf raking  
Apple pies baking  
Garden scarecrows  
Longer shadows  
Harvest Moon  
Fallen leaves strewn  
Autumn time comes  
Multi colored Mums  
Warm apple cider  
Golden Harvest spider  
"Woolly Bears" creeping  
Gain an extra hour sleeping  
Crystal blue skies  
Yum! Pumpkin Pies  
Cranberry Harvest  
Harlequin Forests  
Thank God for all  
Why I love Fall.

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# February

Daffodils are breaking ground  
Birds are singing.  
I love that sound  
Days are longer now  
There's a farmer at his plow  
The temps are going higher and higher  
Is that groundhog a blatant liar?  
Old Man Winter tries to hang on  
In a couple of weeks he'll be gone  
Winter gives one last blast  
But Spring's on the way and it won't last

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# Firefly Dance

One summer's night, on the way home  
Tired and sleepy our thoughts did roam  
It was purely by chance  
We got to witness a Firefly Dance  
The field was all filled with the twinkling light  
Of a thousand lightning bugs in flight  
The meadow was aglow  
With this fairy-tale show  
We could not stop gazing  
At this panorama so amazing  
So on the following night,  
We returned to view the same sight.  
To visit this scene of magic  
Who would believe it would be tragic.  
The field was mowed and plowed under  
Destroying that pageant of wonder  
But I'm glad we had one chance  
To see fireflies dance!

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# Forget Me Not

Spring blossom time  
Wrote this silly rhyme  
To give you a lift  
For you a little gift  
Plant seeds in a pot  
Know a home seller or buyer?  
Please Forget Me Not!

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# Getting Old

I was never told  
How much things change  
When we get old  
Hair turns gray  
Teeth decay  
No longer trim  
Eyes grow dim  
Aches appear  
Fallings a fear  
Can't always hear  
Still gotta give life all you've got  
Cause who wants to die from  
Rocking chair rot

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# Golden Eyes

In my garden, under the starlight  
On a hot hazy summer night  
Listening to the pond's waterfall  
I can hear a nightingale call  
I know things are out there  
I can sense their stare  
I can feel  
Eyes of steel  
Looking at me  
Where can they be?  
Flashlight on the pond shown  
Their cover is blown  
Eyes that reflect light  
Shining golden bright  
At water level's height  
Three frogs in the water  
Waiting for insects to slaughter  
Soon there will be violence  
Passing bugs they will silence  
Fascinating site  
My garden at night  
Under the starlight!

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# Gone

Where, oh where are my goldfish?  
They couldn't suddenly vanish  
Did something take them in the night?  
Did they put up a fight?  
Or did they become frog hash?  
Were they eaten with panache?  
Either way they are gone□  
Only their memory lingers on  
But maybe, just maybe  
They left behind spawn!

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# Good-Bye To Summer

Now it is September  
A great vacation to remember  
Time went really fast  
Too bad it could not last  
The beach is so quiet  
All summer long it was a riot  
Hot humid weather  
Now we need a sweater  
Autumn is coming  
No more humming birds 'humming'  
Falling leaves are mounting  
No need to be pouting  
Days to next summer we are counting

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# Grief 01 Season

Mourning for a long time  
Will I be happy again  
When grief season ends?

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# Grief 1 Wander Haiku

Wander thru my days  
In a total brain fog haze  
When will hurting end?

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# Grief 10 Cry Cry

Cry (1)

Cry (1)

Crying (2)

Pain throughout (3)

My body and soul (5)

Day and night this ache never ends (8)

How do I go on without my beloved son with me? (13)

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# Grief 100 End Of Rope

At end of my rope  
Time to reach for God's lifeline  
Reach out and hold on

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# Grief 101 Another Day

Today has come and gone  
Tomorrow's another day  
Stuck in the desert

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# Grief 102 Udescribable

Death is permanent  
Brings indescribable pain  
Much too hard to bear

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# Grief 103 Heartbroken

Heartbroken today  
Wander thru the wilderness  
An endless cycle

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## Grief 104 Assuage

Trying to assuage my grief with a pen  
Pour out my broken heart with poems  
But nothing helps  
The pain will always be there

Friends say "move on", "Get over it", "Life's for the living";  
They tell me fairy tales that can't be backed with Scripture  
Only making the pain worse

The rest of the world goes on  
They can't see my sorrow  
A part of me is missing  
And I'll never be whole again

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# Grief 105 Stormy Weather

Stormy weather  
Mourning forever  
Forgetting Mark-never  
Searching for an answer  
Hoping days get brighter  
Instead of crying an all nighter  
Hurt grows deeper  
Memories grow fonder  
Yet we are always left to wonder  
Why our family has to suffer  
Without him is torture  
We couldn't have prayed any louder or longer  
Comfort now is our prayer  
Grieving is how we honor and remember  
The loss of our noncomformer

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# Grief 106 Explosion

Mark's death was the explosion  
The bomb that blew my life to pieces  
And into oblivion  
Try to put what remains back together  
Then a trigger/touchstone and BOOM!  
Bomb explodes again

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# Grief 11 Today

What day is today?  
It really doesn't matter  
Only pain exists

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# Grief 12 Death Cuts

I miss him so much  
His death now cuts like a knife  
He's gone forever

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# Grief 13 Isn't Fair

It just isn't fair!  
Why did YOU call him There?  
Should I dial a prayer?  
With whom do I share?  
Does anybody even care  
that I am in such despair  
now that Mark is nowhere?

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# Grief 14 Grandkids

Grandkids are orphans  
Pain will be part of our lives  
Now and forever

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# Grief 15 Ambushed

Grief ambushes you  
One minute you are OK then  
You can't stop crying

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## Grief 16 Foreign Land

Grief is a foreign land  
Wonder around aimlessly  
Searching for comfort

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# Grief 17 World Turning

World goes on turning  
Never noticing my pain  
Ignoring my grief

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# Grief 18 Cry Why

Cry Cry Cry  
Why did he have to die  
Trouble moving on  
My son is gone  
Why Why Why

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## Grief 19 Move On

Time to move on? But  
My broken heart is still here  
Well maybe next year

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## Grief 2 Monster Verse

Grief is a monster  
It eats you alive  
For breakfast, for lunch, for dinner  
Devours everything in its path  
Creates a wound that will not heal  
And even when a scab forms  
It rips it off with the slightest touch  
Then bleeding begins all over again

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## Grief 20 Emotion Haiku

Emotions run wild  
My beloved son is not here  
The loss is too great

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## Grief 21 Brain Clog

My brain is clogged with grief  
Stealing my thoughts like a thief  
I walk around numb  
The loss is so hard to overcome

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## Grief 22 Hole In Heart

The hole in my heart  
Will never heal from loss  
And still life goes on

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## Grief 23 Tired Of Crying

Tired of crying at bedtime  
Tired of crying when I wake up  
Where is God?  
Why doesn't He comfort me&quot;  
Tired of praying  
Tired of asking for help  
Might as well be dead  
Where is God?

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# Grief 24 Loss Of Appetite

Loss of appetite  
Sleepless nights grief filled days  
Endless waves of pain

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## Grief 25 Leper

I am a leper  
Or I might as well be one  
Since loss of my son

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## Grief 26 Monster

Grief is a monster  
can't outrun or escape it  
It eats you alive

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## Grief 27 Mourn

Mark is gone  
Overnight  
Utter despair  
Robbed of happiness  
Now and forever

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## Grief 28 Haiku Fixer

He could fix anything  
Why did he leave broken hearts  
That he could not fix?

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## Grief 28 Prison Haiku

Grief is a prison  
Impossible to escape  
Can't unlock the gate

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## Grief 29 Something Went Wrong

Not supposed to die  
He was expected to live  
Then something went wrong

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## Grief 3 Ground Hog Day Haiku

Another "groundhog day";  
Pain that lasts, won't go away  
Death is permanent

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## Grief 30 Vapor Haiku

Not supposed to die  
He was expected to live  
Then something went wrong

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## Grief 31 Chains Haiku

Grief has me in chains  
How do I break them apart?  
Is there no release?

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## Grief 31 Robbed Haiku

Robbed of happiness  
My life has changed overnight  
Mourn till the day I die

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## Grief 32 No Sunshine Haiku

The loss is too great  
No sunshine only darkness  
Now and forever

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## Grief 33 Comfort

Comfort eludes me  
Always something reminds me  
Then the crying starts

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## Grief 34 Again

Here it comes again  
Just when I thought I was free  
Crying that won't stop

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# Grief 35 Acrostic

G God where are you?

R Recent death

I Inflicting such hurt

E Everlasting pain

F From now on

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## Grief 36 Do You Care

God are you there?

Do you care?

Pain is everywhere

More than I can bear

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## Grief 37 River Acrostic

G Grief is a river

R Ripples of despair

I Impossible to stop

E Ever

F Flowing

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## Grief 39 Runny Nose Haiku

Runny nose, red eyes  
Daily part of my life now  
Crying all the time

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## Grief 4 Vengeance Haiku

Comes with a vengeance  
Just when you think it is gone  
Pain begins again

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## Grief 40 Ocean Acrostic

G Grief is an ocean  
R Roaring tides of pain  
I Inundating your soul  
E Enough to destroy  
F Former happiness

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## Grief 41 Bear

Grief is a bear  
Hibernating in the recesses of your mind  
Emerging when its hungry  
To fill its stomach again

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## Grief 42 Nowhere

Grief springs from nowhere  
One minute you are fine the next minute its there  
Then the pain and sorrow begins again  
Dear God when will this end?

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## Grief 43 How Long

How long will this last?  
God says Joy comes in the morning  
Waiting and trusting

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# Grief 44 Burning Mountain

Grief—Burning mountain  
Erupts like Krakatoa  
Sends fire thru body

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# Grief 45 Raw

Raw emotional pain  
A faith of desperation  
Crying out to God

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## Grief 46 Wilderness

Grief's a wilderness  
Barren land you wander thru  
Searching fo gladness

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## Grief 47 Sinuses

Sinuses on fire  
And red puffy swollen eyes  
Crying all the time

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# Grief 48 Nightmare

Seems like a nightmare  
From which I will awaken soon  
But its reality

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# Grief 48 Volcano

G-Grief is a volcano

R-Raging just below the surface

I-Immolating your happiness

E-Erupting without notice

F-Flowing rivers of pain

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## Grief 49 Darkness

Season of darkness  
While rest of world welcomes Spring  
Will this never end?

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## Grief 5 Kicks Haiku

Grief smashes you down  
Then kicks you in your gut, and  
Pounds you black and blue

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# Grief 50 No Miracle

Prayers for healing  
But why no miracles—Why?  
Sometimes God says NO!

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## Grief 51 No Answer

Another sleepless night  
Lying in my bed crying  
Without an answer

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## Grief 52 Gone

Now that a part of me is gone  
I remember that with each dawn  
No wonder I'm so withdrawn  
And feeling so woebegone  
Making it's so hard to move on

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## Grief 53 Another Day

It is another day  
Always with pain and sorrow  
That is forever here

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## Grief 54 Remember

Sometimes I can smile  
As I remember my son  
But pain never ends

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## Grief 55 Rain

Rain

Rain

Raining

Outdoors and

Bleakness and darkness together

In my life each day from this day thru eternity

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## Grief 56 Darkness

Season of darkness  
While the world welcomes Spring  
Will pain never end

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# Grief 57 Life Changes In A Minute

How life changes in a minute  
Total happiness  
The tragedy hit  
Bringing darkness with it  
And with each dawn sadness  
Stealing total happiness

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## Grief 58 Constant Reminder

Darkness everyday  
Sunshine can't take it away  
Always remembering death  
Constant reminders with each breath  
Thinking from dust to dawn  
Finding it so hard to go on  
Why did God take my son

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## Grief 59 Useless

No appetite  
Can't sleep at night  
Sit in house and mope  
Wander around without hope  
Getting up takes great effort  
All that exists is hurt

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## Grief 6 Questioning God

Aortic Aneurysms are words I learned to spell  
Dangerous operation but all went well  
We thanked God with praise and song  
But then something went horribly wrong  
They removed his intestines, the Doctors tried  
Blot clot in his bowels is how he died  
Now it's hard to thank God with praise and song  
When you are grieving the whole day long  
All we can do is cry and cry  
God answers prayers  
But He never answers why

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## Grief 60 Miss Him

Every day I cry and cry  
I ask God why, why  
I miss him so much  
I will mourn till the day I die

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# Grief 61 Crying Again

The pain starts again  
Crying comes out of nowhere  
Unable to stop\*

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# Grief 62 No Relief

Grief

No Relief

Happiness thief

Challenges belief

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## Grief 62 Oblivion

Oblivious to surroundings  
Wander around in a daze  
Lost all initiative  
Can barely function  
Is there no way out of this quagmire?  
Oh Lord please return me to the land of the living  
A world where I can  
Taste food  
Feel the sun's warmth  
Hear birds singing  
See colors  
Smell the flowers  
Find joy  
And smile again

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 63 Woebegone

I wake each dawn  
My son is gone  
Hard to move on  
I'm so woebegone

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 64 Muddle

Muddle thru each day  
Operating in a fog  
Constantly hurting

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 65 Mother's Day

To cheer me for Mother's Day  
He gave me a beautiful hanging bouquet  
To try to chase my blues away  
Purple Lobelia flowers  
One of his many kind gestures  
But only slightly eases the pain  
In my heart there will always be rain  
Because I'll never see my son again

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 67 Memory

My eyes fill with tears  
Whenever I remember  
Memory of him

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 68 Pain

All I feel is pain  
Is there any comfort now?  
Where is God's answer?

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 69 Rainbow

I am a rainbow  
Red with anger and fire  
Orange with happiness  
Yellow with warmth and sunshine  
Green with growth and hope  
Blue with sadness and peace  
Purple with passion and pain  
Indigo with despair and darkness  
Rainbow: God's covenant not to destroy  
With overwhelming flood of death  
I am a rainbow

Nancy Chambers

# Grief 7 Bereavement

Bitter tears  
Everything has changed  
Restless nights  
Even longer days  
Always before you  
Varying degrees of pain  
Everlasting loss  
Meaningless existence  
Ennui  
Nothing matters  
Total despair

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 70 All I Feel Is Pain

I'm haunted by depression and despair  
2 sisters, always there  
A rotten pair  
Caught in their snare  
To remind me of pain I just can't bear  
Oh God do you even care  
And You are where?

Nancy Chambers

# Grief 71 Crying

I can't stop crying  
I'm surrounded with sadness  
Pain won't go away

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 72 Leave Me

Just leave me alone  
Don't say you know how I feel  
I need time to grieve

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 73 Words

Words can't bring comfort  
Friends mean well but say wrong things  
Only causing more pain

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 74 Loss Of A Child

Unbearable grief  
Only those who've lost a child  
Know this kind of pain

Nancy Chambers

# Grief 75 Life Changes

Life changes in an instant  
One minute you are happy  
Then tragedy strikes  
And eternal pain enters your life  
Everyday becomes a struggle to go on  
But the grief is forever

Nancy Chambers

# Grief 76 Unbearable

Pain unbearable  
I want to curl up and die  
God never tells why

Nancy Chambers

# Grief 77 Another Day

Another day passes  
Forever starts without Mark  
Sadness lingers on

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 78 Miss Him

I miss Mark so much  
Hardest thing I've ever faced  
This eternal loss

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 79 All I Feel Is Pain

Six months since Mark died

And all I feel is pain

The Bible says God comforts those who mourn (Isaiah 61: 3)

But all I feel is pain

Tears last for a night but joy comes in the morning (Psalm 30: 5)

But all I feel is pain

God gives rest to the weary and joy to the sorrowing (Jeremiah 31: 25)

But all I feel is pain

Why do I suffer and my wound is incurable (Jeremiah 15: 18)

And all I feel is pain

I am overwhelmed with pain (Jeremiah 45: 3)

I am exhausted and crushed (Psalm 38: 8)

God promises sorrow and mourning will disappear and I will be filled with joy  
(Isaiah: 35: 10 & 51: 10)

I am depending on God's promises

But for now all I feel is pain

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 8 My Journey Thru Hell

When will this end  
My journey thru Hell?  
God's on His throne  
But all is not well  
Cry to Him night and day  
But no comfort comes  
Is God away?  
Hoping for a time  
When I can sing  
Praises to God  
Death where's your sting?  
When that will be  
Only time can tell  
So I continue  
On my journey thru Hell

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 80 Haunted And Despair

I'm haunted by depression and despair  
2 sisters, always there  
A rotten pair  
Caught in their snare  
To remind me of pain I just can't bear  
Oh God do you even care  
And You are where?

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 82 Grim Reaper

When Grim Reaper comes  
Happiness evaporates  
Loss and pain begin

Nancy Chambers

# Grief 83 Torture

Smiling is torture  
Laughter is non existent  
When Death comes calling

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 84 Cry & Why

All I do is cry  
Why did Mark have to die?  
Please Lord tell me why

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 85 4am

Sat and wrote poems  
Till wee hours of 4 AM  
Grief purloins sleep

Nancy Chambers

# Grief 86 No Way Out

Is there no way out?  
I want happiness again  
Lord will you guide me?

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 87 Mourn All The Time

Mourn in the morning  
Days of being in a daze  
Grief all thru the night

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 88 Brook

When the brook dries up  
You enter God's wilderness  
Before new life begins

Nancy Chambers

# Grief 89 Death Calling

When death comes calling  
Crying is all you can do  
You cannot stop it

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 9 Grief And Pain

Grief (1)

Pain (1)

Sorrow (2)

Bereavement (3)

Gotta push thru it (5)

Only with the help of the Lord (8)

Dear God I pray please bring healing to my heart and soul (13)

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 90 Elusive

Joy is elusive  
But grief is ever present  
When a loved one dies

Nancy Chambers

# Grief 92 Long Season

Been a long season  
Will there be light at the end?  
Grief takes so much time

Nancy Chambers

# Grief 93 Remember

As time moves forward  
Will others remember Mark?  
We'll never forget

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 94 Journey

When you are grieving  
God is with you in valleys of darkness  
God is with you in deserts of loneliness  
God is with you in on mountains of difficulties  
Grieving is not the end  
It's only a journey  
(loosely based on Psalm 23)

Nancy Chambers

# Grief 95 Below Surface

May appear happy  
Pain always below the surface  
Can cry any time

Nancy Chambers

# Grief 96 Number

God numbers our days (Psalm 139: 16)

Teach us to number our days

Before You call us

Nancy Chambers

# Grief 97 Leaving Wilderness

I'm wasting away  
Living in this wilderness  
Will I ever leave?

Nancy Chambers

# Grief 98 New Reality

New reality

Heavy shadow of death

Affects loved ones

Nancy Chambers

## Grief 99 Nothing Lasts

Nothing lasts forever  
Although seems to never end  
This season of grief

Nancy Chambers

# Groundhog Day

February 2nd, a rodent's inane holiday  
To predict whether Spring is near or far away  
Rooted in Candlemas tradition  
The groundhog was a later addition  
"For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day  
\* "So far will the snow swirl until May"  
People flock to Gobbler's Knob  
To see the marmot do his job  
A woodchuck named Punxsutawny Phil  
Sees his shadow and we get a bitter pill  
Six weeks of winter, still  
But if he sees skies cloudy and gray  
Spring is only 42 days away.

\* quoted from a German couplet; author unknown

Nancy Chambers

# Haiku Astronomy

A: Historical Tribute

Johannes Kepler wrote  
His "Ode to the Telescope"  
For Galileo

B: Historical Event

1883  
Krakatoa erupted  
Moon appeared blue

C: Lunar Event

2018  
February will have no  
moon, known as Black Moon

Nancy Chambers

# Haiku Biker Motorcycle

Vroom, Vroom, Vroom noisy  
pipes save lives! We're told. Parents  
pray that it is true

Nancy Chambers

## Haiku Bird

Singing in a tree  
Building a nest for babies  
Pretty little Wren

Nancy Chambers

# Haiku Bug

Night buzzing bug sounds  
Cacophony to some, but  
Euphony to me

Nancy Chambers

# Haiku Dinosaur

Hadrosaurus bones  
Found in Haddonfield, proved  
Dinosaurs were real

Nancy Chambers

# Haiku Humming Bird

Ode to Humming Bird  
Hovering and lightning fast  
Blink and you are gone

Nancy Chambers

## Haiku Moon 2

Silver circle orb  
Shining bright in month of May  
Corn Moon, time to plant

Nancy Chambers

# Haiku: 2008 Full Moon Calendar

Full Moon calendar

Written by a stargazing  
"lunatic" poet

Wind blows and wolves howl  
Beneath the hoary Ice Moon  
In January

Frigid winter days  
Snow Moon in February  
may bring heavy storms

When Sap Moon appears  
Crows begin to fly and caw  
March is the month

Pink Moon in April  
Harbinger of rosy blooms  
The Earth welcomes Spring

Silver circle orb  
Shining in month of May  
Corn Moon, time to plant

On June Eighteenth  
Time of the month for Full Moon  
The Strawberry Moon!

Astronomical  
Totally phenomenal  
Buck Moon in July

Good time to catch fish  
In hot and humid weather  
Under Sturgeon Moon

Warm September days  
The air is clear without haze  
Night's Harvest Moon ablaze

Cool October night  
Shining silver in the sky  
Gibbous Hunter's Moon

Jack Frost comes calling  
November's leaves turn golden  
Chilly nights; Beaver Moon

Daylight is shorter  
December nights are longer  
Under the Cold Moon

This December, there  
Are two full moons. Second one  
called the Blue Moon

Nancy Chambers

# Haiku: Poem Writing

Now, Nancy Chambers  
Enjoys writing poetry  
More than selling homes

Nancy Chambers

# Haiku: Real Estate 1

An oxymoron:

A good day in real estate.

There is no such thing!

Nancy Chambers

## Haiku: Real Estate 2

Real Estate career  
Always have to sell, sell, sell  
Like being in Hell

Nancy Chambers

## Haiku: Real Estate 3

Disconcerting sight  
Foreclosed homes creating blight  
Buy now! Price is right!

Nancy Chambers

## Haiku: Snow

Forecast: Winter Storm  
Shovel handy, boots by door,  
Let It Snow, Snow, Snow

Snowed all day long  
Winter Season has begun,  
The land is turned white

Snow came silently  
Fell all day, turned Earth to a  
Winter Wonderland

While waiting for Spring  
Snow transformed the land to  
a white fantasy

Snow came in the night  
Turned the whole world white  
A cold wintry site

The Blizzard Wizard  
Waved His wand, crystal stardust fell  
And ice fairies danced

Snow falling today  
Creative juices flowing  
Writer's Block is gone

Nancy Chambers

# Haiku: Walter Baker's 100th Birthday

Congratulations!

June 13,2008

One Hundred years old!

Nancy Chambers

# Haiku: Weather 1

Mt Krakatoa  
erupts spews volcanic ash  
alters world's weather

Nancy Chambers

## Haiku: Weather 2

1933

Dust bowl in US mid west

Disaster on farms

Nancy Chambers

## Haiku: Weather 3

Blizzards and Heat Waves  
Is Global Warming real or  
Political bull?

Nancy Chambers

# Happy New Year

Good Bye to the year's end  
What will this one send?  
Did you make resolutions?  
To give your problems solutions.  
An opportunity not to underrate  
Psychological chance to clear the slate,  
Don't delay or wait.  
Begin now, restart the clock  
Tempus fugit, Tick Tock!

Nancy Chambers

# Honey Bee

Honey Bee, Honey Bee  
Working tirelessly  
Gathering nectar from flower to flower  
All day, hour after hour  
If I let you be  
Will you let me be  
Honey Bee, Honey Bee?

Nancy Chambers

# Hope

Stock market and housing blues  
TV anchors blare bad news  
Investor woes from financial gurus  
On and on the broadcasters drone  
However God is still on His throne  
Each morning the sun will rise  
Daily blessings come often in disguise  
The American Flag is still flying  
With medical discoveries less are dying  
No one has a reason to mope  
The mercies of the Lord are new each morning,  
Therefore I have hope\*

\*based on Lamentations 3: 21-23

Nancy Chambers

# Horseshoe Crab Lament

From ages of antiquity  
My strange looks a mystery  
I come in the month of May  
To the shores of the Delaware Bay  
To spawn with eggs to lay.  
Anglers, on my back they turn  
Leaving me in the sun to burn.  
If I had a voice I'd scream and wail  
When they flip me by my tail.  
But in silent death throes I lie  
On the beach to slowly die.  
Why are anglers so horribly cruel  
Release or eat should be the rule  
For millions of years I did thrive  
But with acts like these will I survive?  
For next Spring to again arrive?

Nancy Chambers

# In The Name Of Progress

What a pleasant way to begin a day  
Walking my dogs thru this patch of woods  
The last remaining green oasis in the asphalt jungle.  
Birds sing, chipmunks scurry  
Groundhogs burrow and deer pass.

Then they arrived with a sound like thunder  
Orange and yellow "monsters"  
Leveling the trees and scraping the ground bare  
Making way for another vacant office building in want of a tenant

In the name of progress

It only took minutes  
The trees were gone  
The ground lay barren

Distressed catbirds circled and cried  
As the giant shredder devoured the fallen trees that housed their nest  
Cry birds Cry  
Your nest is destroyed, your babies are gone

In the name of progress

Run chipmunks Run  
Your home is no more

In the name of progress

Bye deer and groundhogs Bye  
There is no place for you

In the name of progress

In less than a day Paradise lost

In the name of progress

Oh! How our lives have been enriched!

In the name of progress

Nancy Chambers

# January Treat

The mid January day began clear and bright  
To the Delaware Bay we took our flight  
Down to the shores of Fortescue  
With it's sky and sea of sparkling crystal blue  
Walked on the beach, brisk and cold  
Collected sea glass, tumbled and rolled  
In the air seagulls cry  
How fast the time passed by  
Left for home before fast falling night  
A Blue Heron took it's homeward flight  
The day ended with a surprise  
Hundreds of Robins flew before our eyes  
In a field they began to sing  
"We just arrived to welcome Spring! "

Nancy Chambers

# Kentucky Derby

Kentucky Derby

May's 1st weekend—Giddy-up

Run for the Roses

Nancy Chambers

# King Tut Exhibit

Yesterday with a prayer  
We went to see King Tut who wasn't there  
He wasn't there again today  
Back in Egypt he does lay  
Moving him would cause decay  
Had lunch and fun anyway  
With Andy, Justin and Anna Mae

Nancy Chambers

# Lazy Summer Day

Sitting in the yard the 1st of July 07  
The sweetest place this side of Heaven  
A perfect day and the living is easy  
75\* bright & breezy  
Wind chimes are ringing  
In a tree a wren is singing  
Over the pond a dragonfly in flight  
A hummingbird feeding is quite a sight  
The first day for Jersey corn  
Picked fresh this very morn  
Summer is filled with sights and sounds  
That won't be here when cold and snow abounds  
This season isn't here to stay  
But should be enjoyed every day  
Who needs a vacation with noise and clamor  
I'd rather spend time with Nature's glamour

Nancy Chambers

# Life

Supposed to be a carefree morning  
But the without warning  
The carefree began unraveling  
Couldn't get things done without hassling  
Then had to go traveling

Nancy Chambers

# Life In Paradise: 21st Century Style

2000-2001

The "dot com" bubble bursts

Recession

9/11/2001

America attacked!

Our way of life is threatened

Fear sets in

Financial institutions vulnerable!

Economy in a nose dive

What to do?

Everybody fly the flag from your home.

Save housing - Save the economy!

First, everybody needs a home.

The madness begins.

2002-2003

Create laws to increase minority homeownership

California gives birth to the ARMs\* and NINJA\*\* loans

Accounting irregularities at Fannie Mae (FNMA) & Freddie Mac (FDMAC)

\*\*\*

Doors open for Wall Street to invest in Main Street

Without those pesky government regulations

Homeownership increases

..."After all ever since the Great Depression, home values have ALWAYS gone up  
And everybody pays their mortgage "...

WARNING! WARNING! DANGER! DANGER!

AREN'T HOME PRICES INCREASING FASTER THAN INCOME?

....."No problem; it only takes a little creative mortgage financing and Wall St  
loves those high yielding mortgages.....

HIGHER RISK - HIGHER YIELD!

Pension funds love high yield.

Buy more and more.....

....."After all ever since the Great Depression, home values have ALWAYS gone  
up

And everybody pays their mortgage ".....

WARNING! WARNING! DANGER! DANGER!

AREN'T PENSION FUNDS ONLY ALLOWED TO BUY AAA RATED INVESTMENTS?

...“Problem solved...banks pay the salaries at the Rating Agencies and Ratings Agencies in turn lower the standards to obtain a AAA rating”...

WARNING! WARNING! DANGER! DANGER!

WHO'S WATCHING THE "HEN HOUSE" WHO'S MINDING THE STORE?

...“Who cares?

Everyone is happy

Millions of new jobs created

Millions of new homeowners

Millions of dollars for bankers

Millions of dollars for Wall St

And everyone owns a home on Main St

Money is flowing

Everyone wins! ”...

WARNING! WARNING! DANGER! DANGER!

AREN'T HOMES BECOMING LESS AFFORDABLE?

2004 -2005

...“Pressure Government to create more creative loans and even lower down payments with even higher yields and make more bucks”...

A new mortgage is born, Euphemism: THE PAY OPTION NEGATIVE AM ARM Loan

...Easy to sell... You chose your own payment! You chose your interest rate! ...

WILL WALL ST BUY THESE LOANS?

....“You bet! Wall St loves these high yield mortgages. They package these loans as CDOs\*\*\*\*\* and sell them to Pension Funds, Municipalities, Foreign Governments etc

Spread the risk - Harvest the yield! ...

Now Fannie Mae & Freddie Mac want back in on the action

...“After all ever since the Great Depression, home values have ALWAYS gone up  
And everybody pays their mortgage ”  
Everyone wins! ...

The country is now infected with AFLUENZA

...“We need even more mortgages. Pressure Government to lower credit  
qualifications, raise borrowing limits, allow less equity positions. Let homeowners  
use their homes as ATMs+++”...

WARNING! WARNING! DANGER! DANGER!

WHERE IS THE SEC? WHERE IS THE FED? \*\*\*\*\*

...“Banks will police themselves” says the SEC

“Homeownership is up.

The Standard of Living is up

It is good” says the Fed...

...“After all ever since the Great Depression, home values have ALWAYS gone up  
And everybody pays their mortgage ”...

CAN THIS LAST? WON'T HOMES PRICES HAVE TO COME DOWN OR INCOMES GO  
UP? .

2006 – 2007

Prices too high.

Average home unaffordable

Fewer home buyers.

Prices sinking

ARM's resetting

Sub prime borrowers defaulting

Ninja loans failing.

Banks taking in less

Fewer dollars to lend

Layoffs beginning

Homes over-mortgaged

Appraising for much less

Equity gone

No equity - No sale

The downward spiral begins

Existing incomes static

Mortgage payments climbing  
Homes losing value  
Appraising lower  
Jobs being lost  
Unemployment rising  
Banks failing  
Wall St collapsing  
Investment yields disappearing.  
No way out!

2008 –2009

Elect a new administration with a RESCUE PLAN!

....“Spend more money Acquire more debt”....

WARNING! WARNING! DANGER! DANGER!

\*ARM: Adjustable Rate Mortgage,

\*\* NINJA loan: No Income, No Job or Assets

\*\*\* FNMA & FDMA: Federal National Mortgage Corporation & Federal Home  
Loan Mortgage Corporation

\*\*\*\* CDO Collateral Debt Obligations

\*\*\*\*\* SEC: Securities & Exchange Commission & Federal Reserve System

+++ATM: Automated Teller Machine

Nancy Chambers

# Maps

(1)Maps

(1)Especially

(2) Older ones

(3)Fascinated by them

(5)Wonder who used those roads

(8)Taking me places that I can't ever visit

(13)Remnants of past lives, ancient cities, former routes lost in time long ago

Nancy Chambers

# March Acrostic

M Much longer days

A Awakening buds

R Robins singing

C Cold subsiding

H Hooray It's Spring

Nancy Chambers

# Memorial Day

Let's celebrate Memorial Day  
Last weekend in May  
Remembering soldiers who gave their lives away  
So we'd have the freedom to play  
In the good old US of A

Nancy Chambers

# My Career

## My Career

How can I describe my Real Estate career?  
Abandon all hope ye who enter here!  
Even though Real Estate is my employ  
For it, I have no passion and not much joy.  
This vocation has made me smart  
But for this business, I have no heart  
Every day is a daily grind  
Buyers and Sellers, I have to find  
Real Estate takes almost all my time  
Almost sell your soul just to make a dime.  
The pain never ends  
Being daily betrayed by so called friends.  
Some days this job feels like being in Hell!  
Sell Sell Sell Sell Sell!  
When asked about starting a real estate career and plan  
I say "Run! Get out while you still can"  
For forty years my life has been such..  
Methinks the lady doth protest too much.  
—Nancy Chambers

Nancy Chambers

# My House

My house will someday be a teardown or a flip  
Owned by people much more hip  
But I don't mind if is outdated or old  
Peeling paint is nothing to behold  
But it's a place all have been happy  
And good for one's psyche

Nancy Chambers

# My Tribute To William F Buckley Jr

William F Buckley Jr died on Wednesday  
With his quietus many conservative ideas passed away  
The world was sad to see him go  
Late in life of him I came to know.  
A brilliant mind  
One of a kind!  
Wrote spy thrillers as though he were a liberal  
Based on historical facts and nothing trivial  
Never got to watch "Firing Line"  
With his views of the conservative paradigm  
Thank God he wrote many a book  
Giving liberals opportunity to take a second look  
Wish there was more time to hear  
About the standards he made so clear.  
Sorry that his voice is gone  
But his conservative legacy will live on.

Nancy Chambers

# Mystery Of The Three

(1) Lord

(1) God

(2) Holy

(3) Almighty

(5) Angels praise all day

(8) God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit

(13) 3 Patriarchs 3 Festivals and 3 Temptations

(21) 3 years ministry, Christ rose on 3rd day, God the 3 in 1, Mystery of the 3

Nancy Chambers

# New Jersey Haikus

I love New Jersey  
The beautiful Garden State  
Home of truck farming

Southern Jersey's corn  
Nothing like it anywhere  
Sweet and delicious

Summer starts today  
Can't wait to eat Jersey Corn  
It won't be long now

The grapes flourish here  
Make New Jersey wine so fine  
France eat your heart out

Nancy Chambers

# New Year's Resolution

January 1st

Make New Year's Resolutions

Break them the next day

Nancy Chambers

# Nj's Pinelands

Dwarf-ed pigmy pines  
White sugar sand, tea-colored streams  
Love NJ's Pinelands

Nancy Chambers

# Ode To A Dandelion

Oh the Dandelion  
So hated and misaligned  
Take the leaves and cut a bunch  
Make yourself a salad for lunch  
Or dig and roast the root  
Instead of spraying poison to pollute  
Little yellow petals of sunshine  
Use them to make some wine  
I know people think I'm insane  
Because I love the lawn lover's bane

Nancy Chambers

# Ode To A Day At The Lake

Late to wake up  
Wear no make-up  
Cool breezes  
Do as one pleases  
On a whim  
Go for a swim  
Walk on the beaches  
Yum! eat fresh peaches  
Watch the sun set  
All cares forget  
As shadows creep  
Time to sleep deep

Nancy Chambers

# Ode To A Swallowtail

Plant Parsley and Dill in Spring and daily watch  
First for eggs and then the Stripys to hatch  
So small at first  
But theychomp and munch  
Till they almost burst  
Then off to a chrysalis they spin  
Changing, rearranging, emerging  
As Swallowtails  
That take to the wind.

Nancy Chambers

# Ode To Fortescue Beach

Fortescue, Fortescue  
With your sea and sky of blue  
Displayed in various hue  
Unspoiled marshes sprawl in quiet splendor  
Zephyrs sway cattails, tall and slender  
Often in the bay a distant thunder  
Beaches reveal many a wonder  
Horseshoe crabs, goldenrod and sea grass  
Oyster shells, driftwood and beach glass  
Capital of Weakfishes  
Fulfilling lucky angler's wishes  
Your tides crest and your tides fall  
Visitors behold the beauty of it all  
Your secret's known to only a few  
Fortescue, Fortescue.

Nancy Chambers

# Owls

Owls say Whoo, Whoo, Whoo  
But do some say something else  
Like Whaat, Whaat, or Whyy, Whyy?

Nancy Chambers

# Pineland Frogs

Beautiful Music

Pinelands echo with frog songs

Thruout vernal pools

Nancy Chambers

# Plight Of The Red Knot Bird

Soon it will be early Spring  
Primeval stirrings urge me to take wing  
On a 10,000 mile journey I must fly  
To South America I bid good bye  
I fly North, day after day  
Till I reach the shores of the Delaware Bay  
Now my strength is all gone  
I can no longer fly on and on.  
During the next weeks I need to feast  
On the eggs of the horseshoe crab beast  
I must be among the first to arrive  
To eat enough eggs so I can survive  
Then I'll fly to the Arctic to breed  
Built up with the food I need  
There are less eggs than there used to be  
Horseshoe crabs are taken by commercial fishery  
I must amass weight on this spot  
Without these eggs the Red Knot  
Is not!

Nancy Chambers

# Political 1 Pro Life

New Abortion Law  
More baby killers now  
Cheered on by the Left

Nancy Chambers

# Political 10 Adoption

Better solution

Adoption not abortion

Wrong to kill babies

Nancy Chambers

# Political 11 Infanticide

Infanticide practiced  
Wrong increases  
&quot;You shall not kill&quot;  
God's word ignored  
Society decays  
The end is coming

Nancy Chambers

# Political 12 Pelosi 1

Nancy Pelosi

Pimple on an elephant

Small irritation

Nancy Chambers

## Political 13 Pelosi 2

Nancy Pelosi

Enjoy 15 minutes fame

Then you will be gone

Nancy Chambers

## Political 14 Pelosi 3

Nancy Pelosi

Fading to obscurity

Good Riddance to you.

Nancy Chambers

# Political 15 Baby Killings

How can a Christian  
Support the baby killings?  
What God do they serve?

Nancy Chambers

## Political 16 Abortion Acrostic

A Act of violence

B babies killed

O Only for selfish reasons

R Rejection of God

T Terrible consequences

I Imminent death

O Of the baby

N No regard for life

Nancy Chambers

# Political 16 Abstinence

Stop killing babies  
Best birth control: abstinence  
Keep your legs shut

Nancy Chambers

# Political 17 Profit

Murder for Profit

Abortion: a euphemism

For killing babies

Nancy Chambers

## Political 18 Mother Teresa

These (1)

Are (1)

Sayings (2)

Quotations (3)

Mother Teresa (5)

Says about what abortions do (8)

"Roe v Wade has deformed a great nation- America" (13)

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## Political 2 Hillary Vs God

Hilary Clinton

How will you defend yourself  
Before God's judgement?

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## Political 3 Kakistocracy

Kakistocracy

What this nation would have been

If Hillary won

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## Political 4 Loud Voices

(1) She

(1) Spoke

(2) saying

(3) "Abortion

(5) Needs to be increased"

(8) The Lord had an answer for her

(13) "I rule this world, you will never be the President"

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## Political 6 Politically Incorrect

A:

Conservative way

Always right. Drill here, Drill Now!

Prices will go down.

B:

What a fool believes:

Burn corn for fuel. Liberal  
money making scam

C:

Screw the caribou

No dependence on foreign  
oil. Drill in ANWAR! ©

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# Political 7 About Obama

1st Black President  
Barack Hussein Obama  
History is made

Obamanation  
But is change for good or bad?  
Only time will tell.

&quot;Absolute power  
Corrupts absolutely&quot; said  
Lord Acton. BEWARE

Change, Change, Change, Hope, Hope,  
Hope! Democrats Gloat, Gloat, Gloat!  
Republicans mope: -(

A new era now  
Blacks can believe and achieve  
But nothing is free

Oh! 'anointed' one  
Will you provide change and hope?  
Or just rhetoric?

Mr President  
Will our nation be grateful?  
Or turn more hateful?

Will you unify?  
Or cause much more division?  
Questions surround you.

President of all?  
Or no president at all?  
We are wondering

Historical vote  
Chance to bring much needed hope  
Can we count on you?

It is up to you  
Do nothing or do great things  
Barack Obama

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# Political 8 Legacy

Sages eyed  
Agents spied  
Danger decried  
Complacent denied  
Politicians lied  
Patriots complied  
Millions died  
Loved ones cried  
Futility abided  
Posterity Why'd

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# Political 9 Baby Killing

Liberal leftist lies  
Promoting baby killing  
Judgement is coming

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# Poltical 5 President Trump

President Trump is no chump  
Can't wait till he is back on the stump  
To see all the Libs he will bump  
If the Dems don't like it  
They can Kiss my Rump

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# Prejudice

She said

"This is a community where folks take care of house and lawn

We won't be happy till they are gone

At first it's just one

Then pretty soon we are over run"

They really don't bother me

I might have them for tea

She said

"Property values drop as soon as they appear

There is no place for them here"

I don't care what you say

I'm planting Dandelions anyway!

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# Realtor Agent Girl

There's a girl whose soul's in danger  
To everyone she meets she remains a stranger  
With every move she makes another chance she takes  
To sell a house tomorrow

Realtor Agent Girl, realtor agent girl  
They've given you a number and taken away your name

Beware of smiling faces that you find  
A smiling face can hide a greedy mind  
Oh! Be careful what you say  
Or you will give yourself away  
And you won't make a sale tomorrow

Realtor Agent Girl, realtor agent girl  
They've given you a number and taken away your name

Riding high on a sale one day  
Feeling low on a loss the next  
Oh no, if you let one wrong word slip  
Just when the sale is in your grip  
Odds are you won't sell the house tomorrow

Realtor Agent Girl, real estate agent girl  
They've given you a number and taken away your name

Realtor Agent Girl

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# Requiem For Dog Abigail

We found you in a dog shelter pen  
All alone without a friend  
The other dogs were loud and wild  
You just sat like a frightened child  
We brought you home with a wagging bushy tail  
Decided your name would be Abigail  
They said your breed was Briard  
And training you would be a little hard  
Though you were not always quick to obey  
We still loved you anyway.  
On the stairs you loved to lay  
With Bart and Herky you'd run and play  
Bred with an instinct to herd  
Pushing dogs, cat and us occurred  
We never saw you snarl or growl  
You thought everyone was your pal  
Your lips smiled with an upward curl  
Especially when you chased a squirrel  
It wasn't your nature to be mean  
You were the sweetest dog we'd ever seen  
Wanting to be close, you were always under our feet  
You only moved when it was time to eat  
After seventeen years you began to fail  
Your body became weak and frail  
An hour at the vet we did spend  
Always thought you'd come home again  
But sadly this was the end  
Good-bye, our beloved friend

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# Retirement (Written For My Friend Marj) 1930-2010 Rip

My buddy Marj has decided to retire.  
I'll miss your good thoughts and words that inspire  
Never greedy for the "Almighty Buck"  
Your sales were made with integrity and good luck.  
Steadfast when things were going haywire  
And trying to pull us into the mire  
You remained up and never down  
Always a smile never a frown  
Speaking words euphonious  
Maintaining a position harmonious  
Disappointments you took in stride  
Recording them in the 'Screw Marj Book', deep inside  
Moaners and groaners you could see coming  
Negative words got you humming  
Long after the sales tour had flown  
We often drove to parts unknown  
With conversations of places to eat  
Sharing recipes that can't be beat.  
Now that your job is finished  
You leave with pride and enthusiasm undiminished  
No more sale meetings and tours  
Freedom to do as you please is yours.  
I'm so sad your career is at the end  
Good-bye and God bless, beloved friend.

Nancy Chambers

# Song Of The Pine

Summer; hot and dry  
Overhead unstable sky  
Lightning! Fire! Burn!  
Underbrush and fern  
Scrub Oak and Pine tall  
Burn, Burn, Burn all  
Clouds, Thunder, Rain  
New growth; Begin again  
Divine Design  
Song of the Pine!

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# Sounds Of Pine Barrens

Pine Barrens at night  
Melodious sounds were heard  
Songs of the tree frogs

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# Spring 1

Celebrating Spring  
Squirrels and chipmunks eat seeds  
Crunching and munching

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# Spring 10 Thunderstorms

Thunder Boom Boom Boom  
Skies open rain pours down down  
Thirsty grounds drink, drink

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# Spring 11 Windy March

This windy March Day  
Normal early Spring weather  
Clouds then gray then sun

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# Spring 12 Migrating

Migrating birds come  
Searching for places to build nests  
Let the mating begin!

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# Spring 13 Robins

Robins pulling worms  
Pink flowers blossoming now  
Come April showers

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# Spring 14 Sunny Days

Sunny days, blue skies  
Rabbits scampering about  
Birds singing early

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# Spring 15 Out Of Dead

Out of gray and brown  
Appears green leaves and flowers  
The Circle of Life

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# Spring 16 Hyacinths

Hyacinths blooming  
Forsythia budding now  
Soon trees will be green

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# Spring 17 16 Frogs

Sixteen frogs in pond  
Then Rib it, Rib it, Rib it  
Wonderful frog songs

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# Spring 18 Daily

Sun shining  
Doves cooing  
Insects buzzing  
Blue Jays squawking  
Sparrows tweeting  
While we're outdoor dining  
And behind each cloud a silver lining

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# Spring 19 April

A-Awakening nature

P-Pleasant days

R-Rabbits and Robins'

I-Indigo skies

L-Leaves now budding

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## Spring 2

Migrating Spring birds  
Flying to their summer homes  
Happily singing

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# Spring 20 Dive

Went to visit my frogs in the pond  
Dive, Dive, Dive  
Splash, Splash, Splash  
As they disappear under water  
Only to pop-up again  
And see who is disturbing their sunbathing

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# Spring 21 Coming

Spring's coming  
Snow is melting  
Plants are sprouting  
Rabbits are frolicking  
Insects are emerging  
Naked trees are budding  
Getting ready for Spring

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## Spring 22 Catbird

While sipping coffee  
This morning saw a Catbird  
Happily singing

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## Spring 23 The Conversation

Ah Spring  
Warm morning  
Coffee at pond  
Conversation with frogs  
Of whom I am quite fond  
They number 20  
Mosquitos -  
I better not see any  
Not a single critter  
Or else its Frog Legs for dinner

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# Spring 25 Frogs

Frogs in pond Glumk, Glumk  
They sing all day and all night  
Gulumk, Gulumk, Glumk

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## Spring 3

Spring blossoms emerge  
Daffodils brighten garden  
Nature bursts with song

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## Spring 4 A Spring Walk

One fine day  
In the month of May  
For a thrill  
Decided to climb up Blueberry Hill  
Walked all the way to the top  
Huffing & puffing but didn't stop  
My time was made worthwhile  
As I strolled along the mile  
Something that made me smile  
In blooming splendor seen by me  
A Lady Slipper Orchid right under a tree

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# Spring 5 Rain

Rain pitter patter  
Rainbow hiding in the clouds  
Just waiting for sun

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# Spring 6 Nourishing

Welcoming the Spring  
Rain nourishes dormant lands  
Plants prepare to bloom

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# Spring 7 Rainy Day

Rainy Spring day  
Seedlings drink up: ready to sprout  
Soon to be blossoms

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# Spring 70 Hummingbird

Hummingbird visits  
Flies so fast; Whoosh and she's gone  
Brightens my whole day

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# Spring 71 Merry Month Of May

Merry month of May  
May Day, May Pole, May flowers  
Good times, Come what may

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# Spring 72 Robins

Why do robins sing  
So early in the morning?  
To welcome offspring

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## Spring 73 Hummingbird

Hummingbird visits  
Flies so fast; Whoosh and she's gone  
Brightens my whole day

Nancy Chambers

# Spring 8 Spring Is Coming

S-Snow is melting

P-Plants are sprouting

R-Rabbits are frolicking

I-Insects are emerging

N-Naked trees are budding

G-Getting ready for Spring

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# Spring 9 Blustery March

Blustery March days  
Winter must release its grasp  
As earth welcomes Spring

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# Staycation

Although it had rained all night  
By 9AM it was clear and bright  
We did not have a care or worry  
Went to ride on the Delafort Ferry  
Its flag unfurled in the wind blowing  
Off to Pea Patch Island, we were going  
To visit the Fort Delaware  
Shaped like a pentagon rather than square  
Built to guard the ports at Philly and Wilmington  
But never once fired a gun  
Used as a Union POW camp  
In any weather, it was always damp  
Learned some Civil War History  
Days gone by no longer a mystery  
We enjoyed a very pleasant stay  
Tired and happy we ended our day

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# Summer Swim

The water is empty except for one  
As I swim with the setting sun  
Birds fly home to roost for the night  
Soon the bats begin their flight  
As the darkness quickly abounds  
The bugs start a cacophony of sounds  
Sand between my toes squishes  
And I alone swim with the fishes

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# Sunset

Sunset on the water  
Reflections of pastel hues  
Fading to darkness

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# The Band Concert

On a lark  
We went to a concert in the park  
On this night warm and clear  
People came from far and near  
The musicians played the Big Band Sound  
Syncopated rhythms of great renown  
As they played  
"Get up and danced", they bade  
And only the elderly did  
Seniors acting just like a kid  
Gyrating to and fro  
Remembering an era long ago  
Enjoying their years of gold  
Proving that "You're never to old"

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# The Ides Of March

Ides of March today  
Caesar beware of false friends  
Stabbing you in back

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# The Jersey Devil

Pineys like to revel  
In stories of the Jersey Devil  
Fiction or reality?  
Or just a genetic abnormality?  
Mother Leeds 13th child  
Born unwanted, cursed and wild  
Delivered on a stormy night  
Gave the midwives quite a fright.  
Flew up, up and away  
Roams the woods to this day! ....  
Or so they say.  
Something's rustling in the trees  
Is it only the gentle breeze?  
What is that sound you hear?  
A known animal or something queer?  
Strange footprints in the sand  
Made by a monster or made by man?  
Is it real or is it a hoax?  
Been seen by mighty reputable folks!  
Is it really out there, somewhere?  
Or is it just an invented scare?  
If, in the Pinelands it haunts;  
Will you see it on your jaunts?  
The Pine Barrens know!  
Even if Science says No!  
Still the legend persists  
The Jersey Devil exists!

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# The Kentucky Oaks

1st Friday in May

Gallop fast pretty fillies

Run for the Lilies

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# The Paradox

Two trees

The living one brings death

The dead one brings life

Partake of the first—die

Embrace the second—Live eternally

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# The Pink Briefcase

When I was in Junior High  
A term for Middle School in a time gone by  
My Mother bought me a briefcase of pink  
Although I loved it, I was worried what others would think  
It gave the kids a reason to poke fun  
Carrying a pink briefcase, I was the only one.  
So I'd leave home briefcase in hand then hide it under a tree  
Because I did not want the kids to make fun of me.  
Someone tore off the handle and made me mad  
The ruined briefcase made my Mother sad.  
Kids still made fun of me anyway  
As I walked to school day after day  
I was young and weak then  
Teenage life was hard without a friend.  
Those days were difficult and long  
But they built character and made me strong.  
A life's lesson was taught  
By the pink briefcase my Mother bought.  
I learned to walk in my own shoes  
And live my life as I'd choose.  
Many years of time have passed.  
Is that our grandson's girlfriend? My husband asked  
I can't tell, they all look and dress the same  
The only thing different about them is their name  
I can't distinguish one girl from another.  
Too bad she'd never been given a pink briefcase by her Mother!

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# Throwaways

Holiday travesties

Throwaways

Nobodies

From dysfunctional families

Lives with uncertainties

And so full of tragedies

Written off as system casualties

Spent Easter with us

As **SOMEBODIES!**

Nancy Chambers

# Thunderstorm

On this beautiful morning  
A thunderstorm warning  
Humidity is high  
But bright blue is the sky  
Let's have a picnic without worry  
Suddenly there's storm clouds, better hurry  
Now here comes the pouring rain  
Outdoor dining ruined again  
Even though there's no signs of storming  
Better heed the thunder storm warning

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# Tree Frogs

Cacophony songs

Tree frogs in the Pine Barrens

The sounds of Springtime

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# Tribute To Mummer's Day Parade

The Mummer's Parade  
Strut dem Golden Slippers  
Happy New Year's Day

Philadelphia  
An annual tradition  
Mummery in street

Only in Philly  
Bright marching Wench Brigades  
"Who dat Froggy Carr?"

Comics and String Bands  
Bright colors, sparkling glitter  
Strolling down Broad Street

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# Trip To Bulltown

After the rain the day was new  
The sky was a brilliant blue  
Steve did not want to drive around  
So we decided visit Bulltown  
To find the Glass Works site  
The weather was crisp and bright  
Down a mile, on a road you could not pass  
Located by a dam on a spot with shards of glass  
The shards were the key  
Because there was not much to see  
Now razed to the ground  
Almost no remains can be found  
With a little determination  
We were at the Works location

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# Winter's End

On this winter day  
All the colors are drab and gray  
The Earth's in a lull  
The sun shines dull.  
The flowers are gone  
Brown is the lawn  
The ground is hard and cold  
What happened to Autumn's gold?  
Nothing good on the news  
Just housing and stock market blues.  
The trees are bare  
The Earth feels like Despair.  
Wait! Is that a crocus popping it's head?  
The trees are dormant, not dead.  
There's a robin, worm seeking  
Flowering buds are peeking.  
Daffodils are beginning to raise  
Now there are longer days  
Winter days there still will be some  
But the Time of the Singing of the Birds has come!

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# Words

Words

Aren't

Always

In my brain

When I want them to be

But eventually they come

So I can put them into a poem or Haiku

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## Words 2

I like to collect words  
That I can use in a poem  
All kind of words  
That I can get to know them  
Words like Kakistocracy  
And thank God we live in a democracy  
Or a poem using Avogadro  
Now that takes bravado  
Still it can be done  
Oh just so much fun

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