



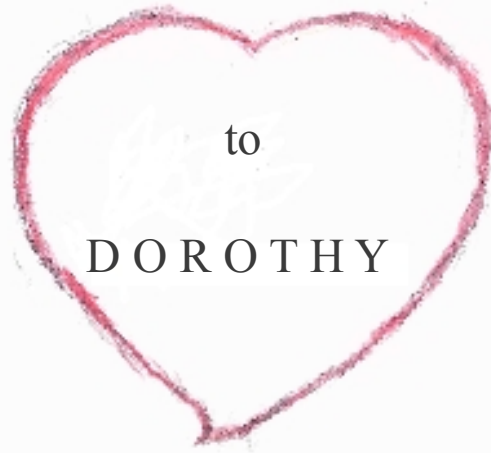
HAIKEN

&

DOODLES

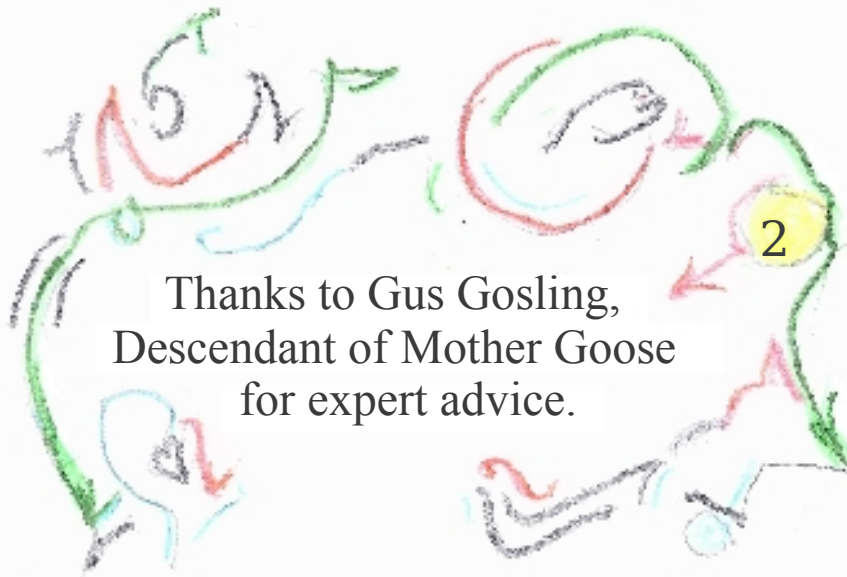
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Middletown, CA  
Loch Lomond  
2010



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If my love could heal,  
You would be the healthiest  
person in the world.



Thanks to Gus Gosling,  
Descendant of Mother Goose  
for expert advice.

## PROLOGUE

“Haiken”, like “haiku”, are three-liners. Each one use a total of seventeen syllables in a 5-7-5 order. They play with syllables, sounds, words and ideas using such tools and materials as

Alliteration  
and onomatopoeia,  
assonance and rhyme.



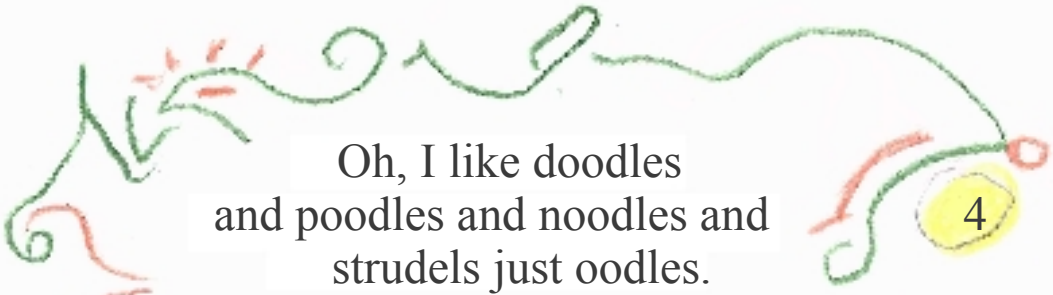
(though haiku usually shun the use of rhyme)

These lines may or may not be poetry.  
Some likely are; many may not be according to  
popular conceptions of poetry.

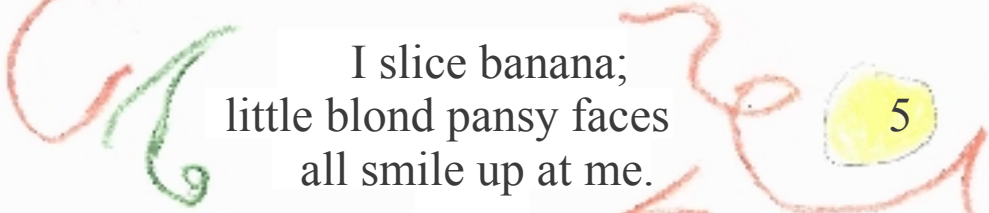
However, they are attempts by a writer to communicate  
with readers in an unusual and unorthodox manner.

Herein are some personal gleanings from observations  
and experiences on this amazing planet for more than  
ninety years. Among them you may find wit and  
wisdom, in varying degrees, hints, suggestions, trivia,  
and some, hopefully, not too many, lines of nonsense.

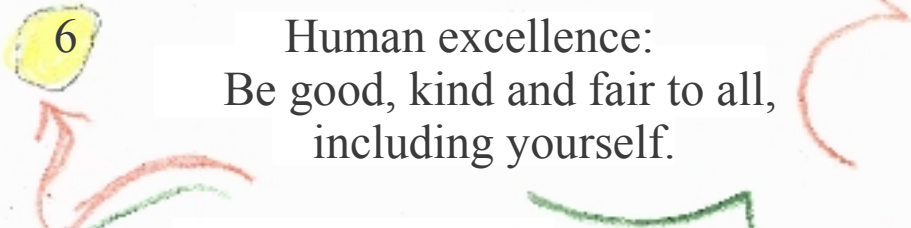
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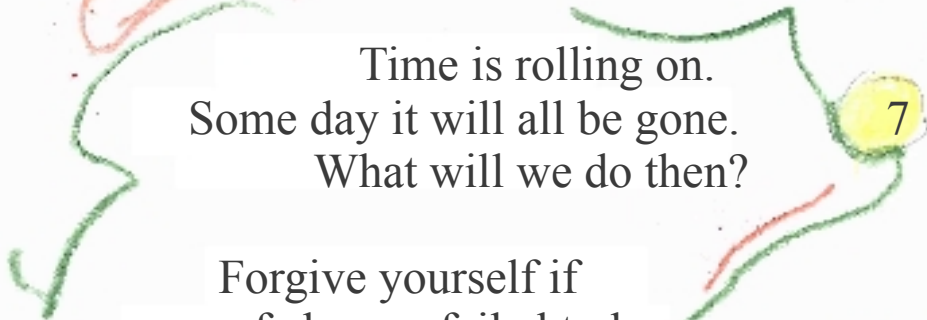
Oh, I like doodles  
and poodles and noodles and  
strudels just oodles.



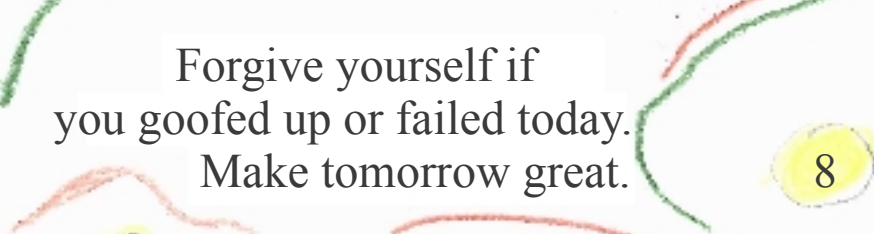
I slice banana;  
little blond pansy faces  
all smile up at me.



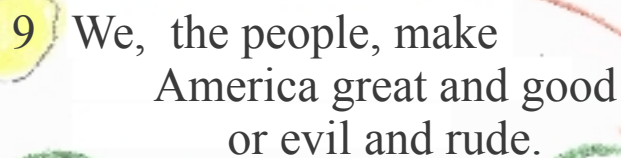
Human excellence:  
Be good, kind and fair to all,  
including yourself.



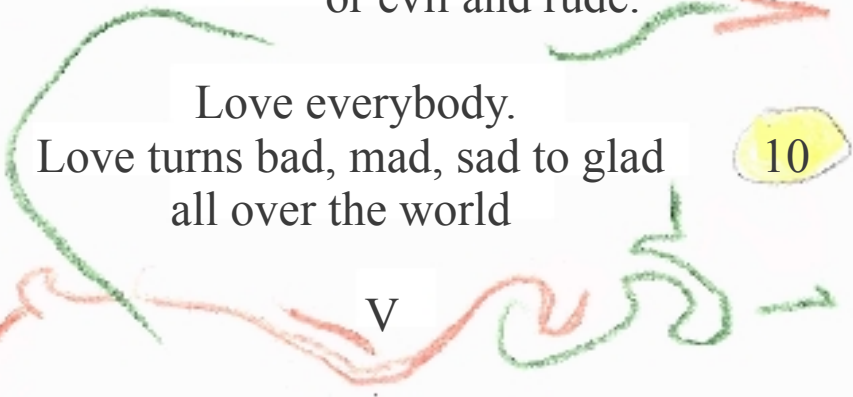
Time is rolling on.  
Some day it will all be gone.  
What will we do then?



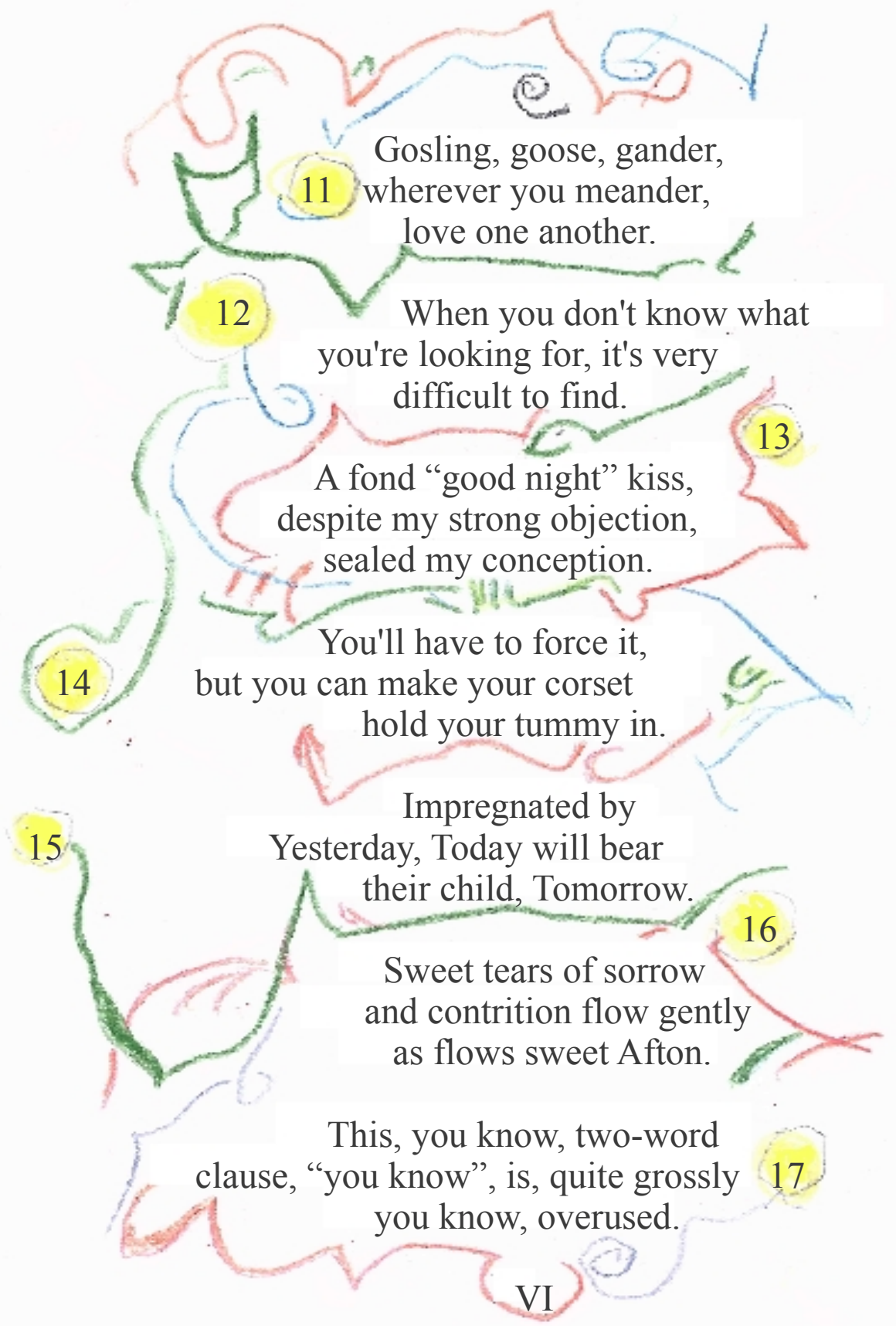
Forgive yourself if  
you goofed up or failed today.  
Make tomorrow great.



We, the people, make  
America great and good  
or evil and rude.



Love everybody.  
Love turns bad, mad, sad to glad  
all over the world



11 Gosling, goose, gander,  
wherever you meander,  
love one another.

12 When you don't know what  
you're looking for, it's very  
difficult to find.

13 A fond "good night" kiss,  
despite my strong objection,  
sealed my conception.

14 You'll have to force it,  
but you can make your corset  
hold your tummy in.

15 Impregnated by  
Yesterday, Today will bear  
their child, Tomorrow.

16 Sweet tears of sorrow  
and contrition flow gently  
as flows sweet Afton.

17 This, you know, two-word  
clause, "you know", is, quite grossly  
you know, overused.

It must have been a  
stunning scene – the first rainbow.  
after the first rain.

18

19 A knot need not be  
naught but a naughty hunk of  
newly gnu-gnawed rope.

19

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20 At surprise or shock.  
a girl is much like a clock  
with hands on her face.

21

21 The Bible tells us  
the man who lived longest died  
before his dad did.

The best humanist  
is the best theist as well,  
and vice versa, too.

22

23 You are the window  
through which you see the world,  
keep the window clean.

23

24 Softly he whispered,  
petting her bulging belly,  
“I love you ..... and you”.

24

25 The future blows in  
like a raging tsunami.  
Don't try to duck it

25

VII



26

By and large, people  
are buyin' large at those large  
Big Box Supermarts.

27

After its great splash  
the Niagara must go on  
at a calmer flow.

28

The tongue's the clapper  
of those inner bells we call  
the heart and the mind.

29

Mount Rushmore with its  
four spectacular noses  
can't smell the roses.

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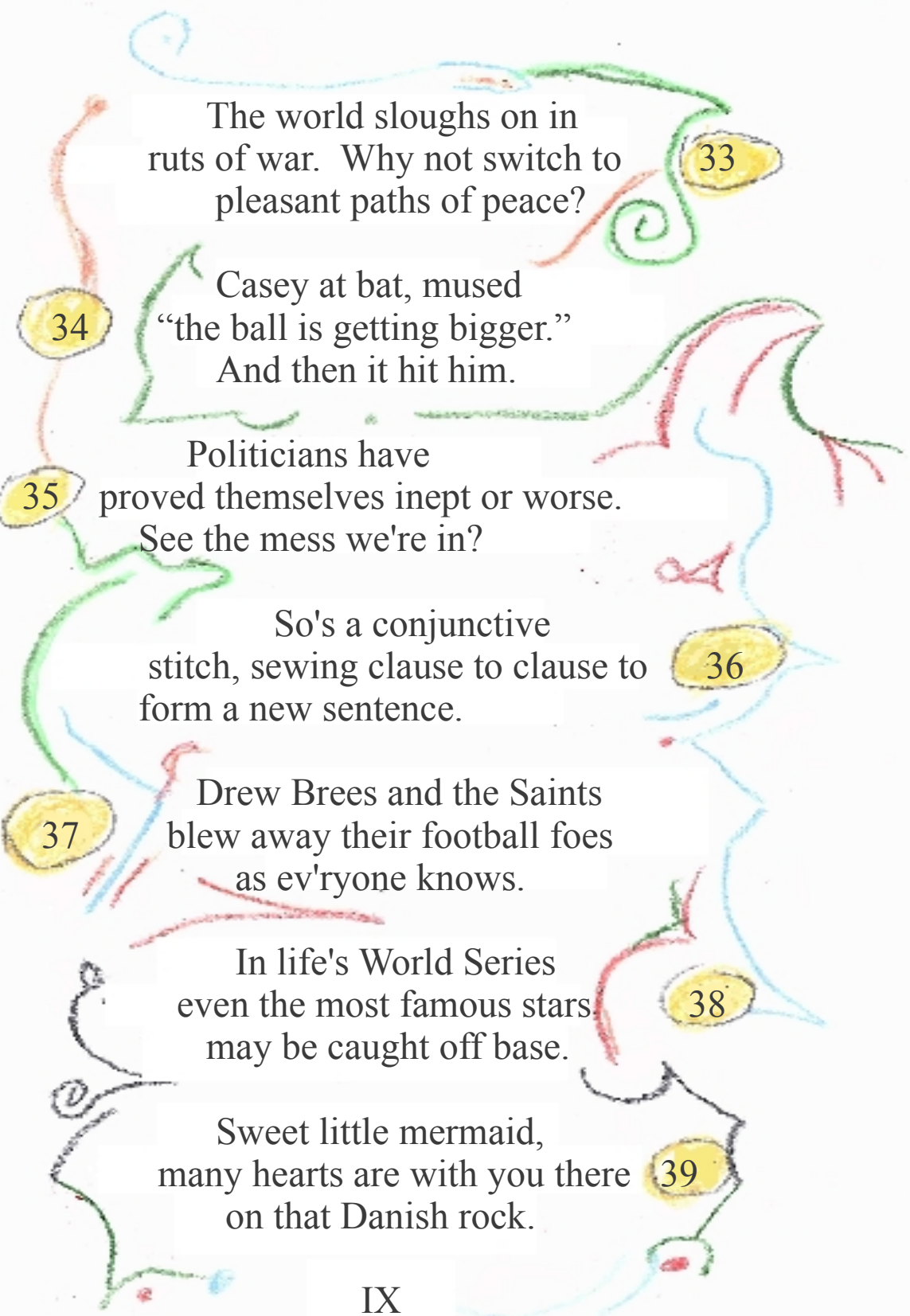
Get your ticket at  
the wicket at Canada's  
famous Crystal Beach.

31

If you're "overbove",  
or perhaps, you're "underneath",  
you are redundant.

32

The great gray ape ate  
Grape Nuts, grape fruit and grapes with  
gruel and gravy.



The world sloughs on in  
ruts of war. Why not switch to  
pleasant paths of peace?

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34

Casey at bat, mused  
“the ball is getting bigger.”  
And then it hit him.

35

Politicians have  
proved themselves inept or worse.  
See the mess we're in?

36

So's a conjunctive  
stitch, sewing clause to clause to  
form a new sentence.

37

Drew Brees and the Saints  
blew away their football foes  
as ev'ryone knows.

38

In life's World Series  
even the most famous stars  
may be caught off base.

39

Sweet little mermaid,  
many hearts are with you there  
on that Danish rock.



40 Whippoorwills whistle  
in willow trees as I wait  
wistfully for you.

Thelma's Sommerfest  
dessert was rice pudding with  
lingonberry sauce. 41

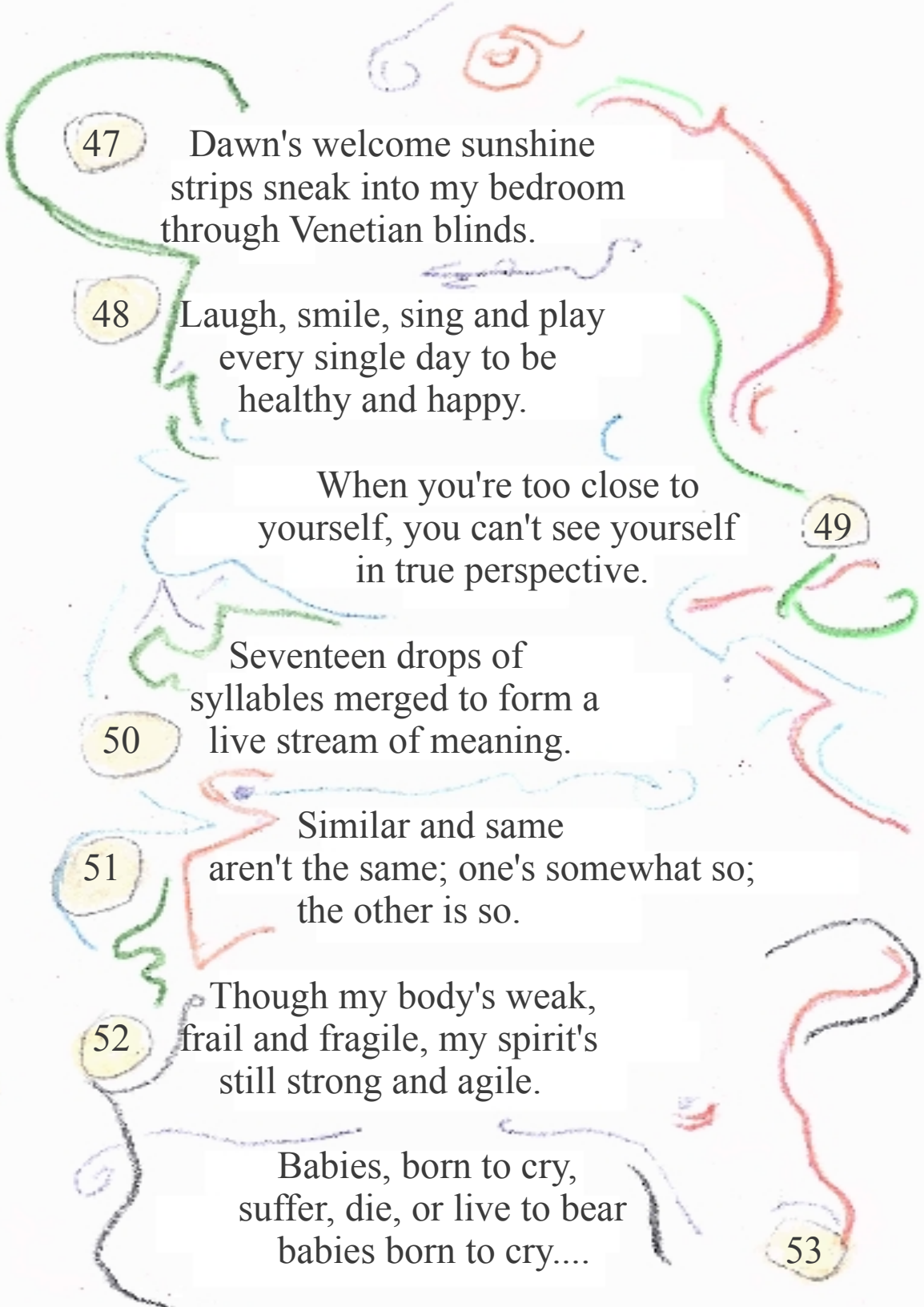
42 John Smith shouted, "Don't  
poke along, Pocahontas,  
we must be home soon."

43 Flo sparkled with a  
spit-curl on her forehead and  
twinkle in her eye.

God is the Essence  
of Life and Love and Light plus  
all that's good in you. 44

What's your name, young man?  
"I'm Goshagum Golligoo,"  
proudly he replied. 45

Banana Cream Pie  
looks too good to eat, but I  
will give it a try. 46



47 Dawn's welcome sunshine  
strips sneak into my bedroom  
through Venetian blinds.

48 Laugh, smile, sing and play  
every single day to be  
healthy and happy.

When you're too close to  
yourself, you can't see yourself  
in true perspective.

50 Seventeen drops of  
syllables merged to form a  
live stream of meaning.

51 Similar and same  
aren't the same; one's somewhat so;  
the other is so.

52 Though my body's weak,  
frail and fragile, my spirit's  
still strong and agile.

Babies, born to cry,  
suffer, die, or live to bear  
babies born to cry....



Earth swallowed by sun”--  
future news item in the  
Universe Gazette.

54

Whatever is true  
is true regardless of who  
says or denies it.

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56

My kin and my kith  
are fun to be with but so  
are friends and strangers.

Giving's receiving.  
The giver gets more than the  
receiver receives.

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Snakes and rats were no  
match for a brash pied piper  
and a saint named Pat.

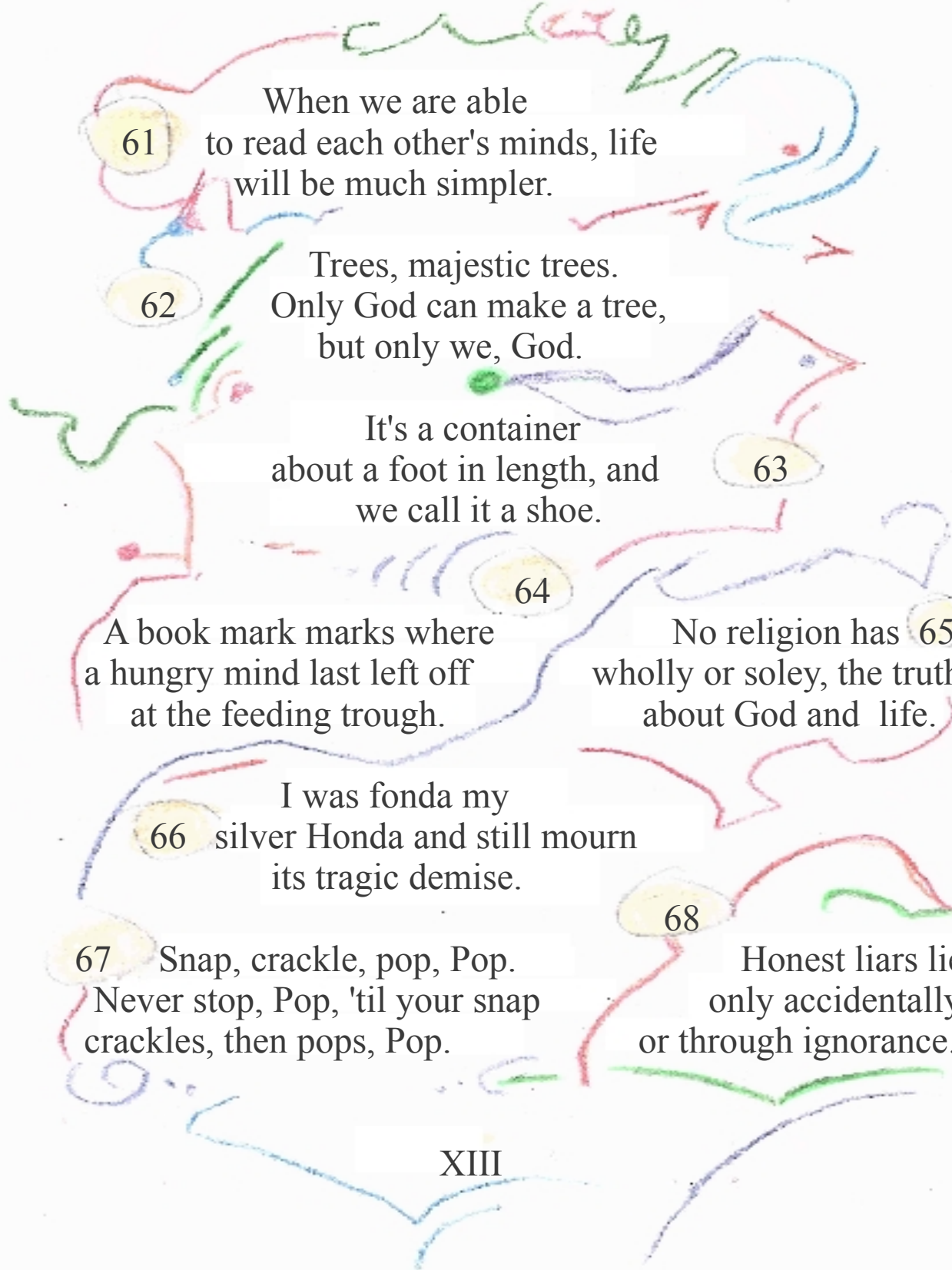
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Thought waves – maybe they  
can accomplish more than can  
waves of sound and light.

59

60

Enza wriggled south  
from my moustache to my mouth,  
and influenza.



61 When we are able  
to read each other's minds, life  
will be much simpler.

62 Trees, majestic trees.  
Only God can make a tree,  
but only we, God.

63 It's a container  
about a foot in length, and  
we call it a shoe.

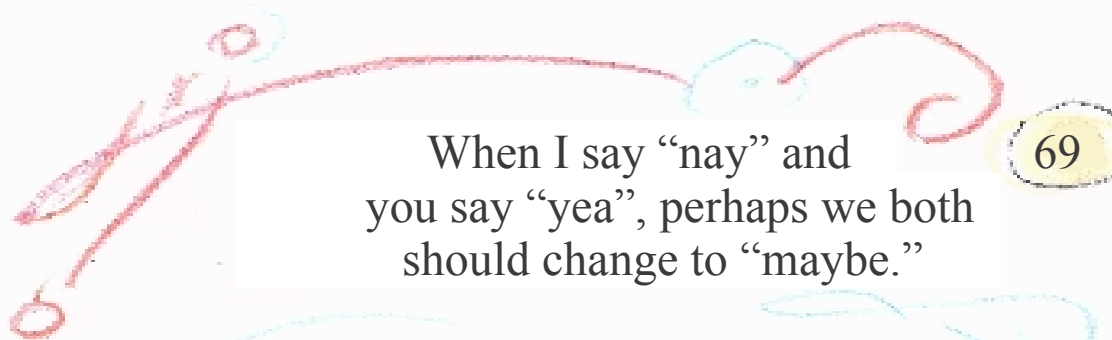
64 A book mark marks where  
a hungry mind last left off  
at the feeding trough.

65 No religion has  
wholly or solely, the truth  
about God and life.

66 I was fonda my  
silver Honda and still mourn  
its tragic demise.

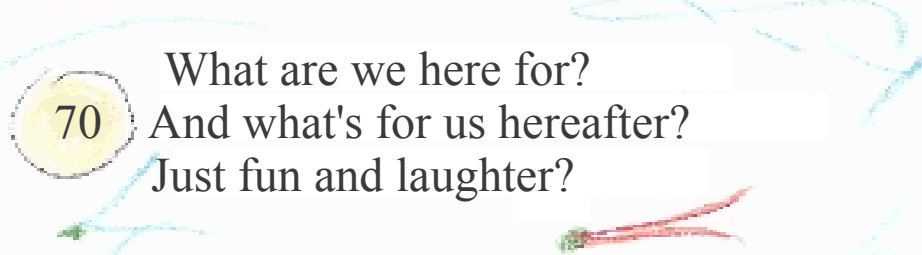
67 Snap, crackle, pop, Pop.  
Never stop, Pop, 'til your snap  
crackles, then pops, Pop.

68 Honest liars lie  
only accidentally  
or through ignorance.

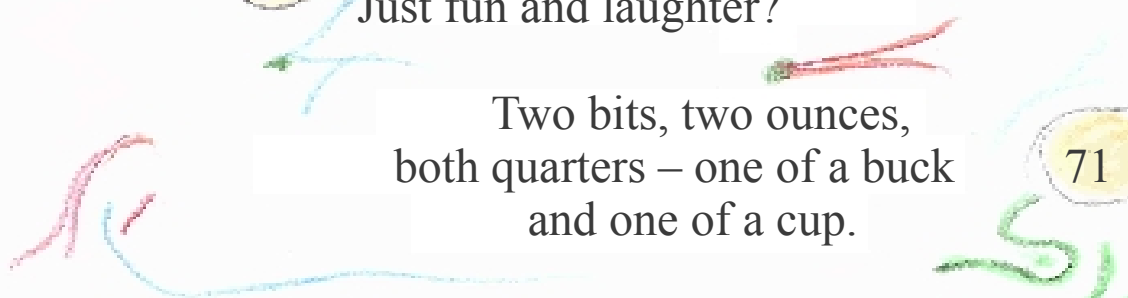


When I say “nay” and  
you say “yea”, perhaps we both  
should change to “maybe.”

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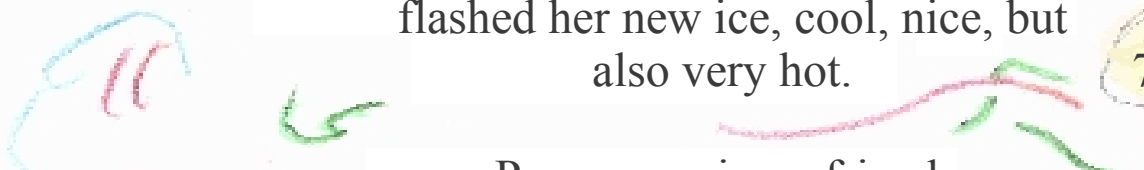


70 What are we here for?  
And what's for us hereafter?  
Just fun and laughter?



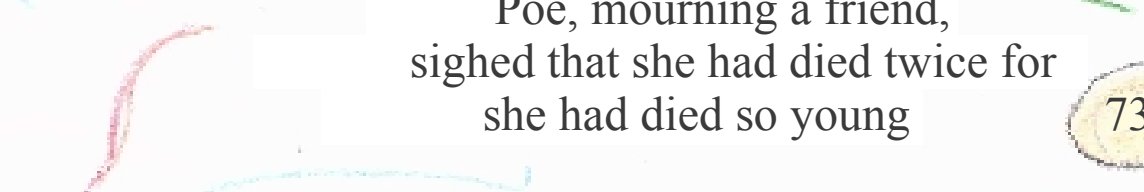
Two bits, two ounces,  
both quarters – one of a buck  
and one of a cup.

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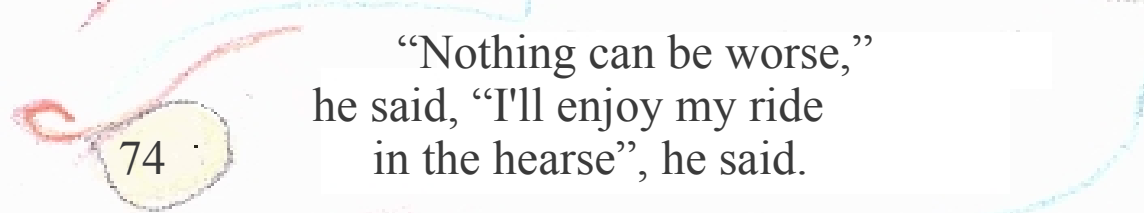
Bonnie, friend of Clyde,  
flashed her new ice, cool, nice, but  
also very hot.

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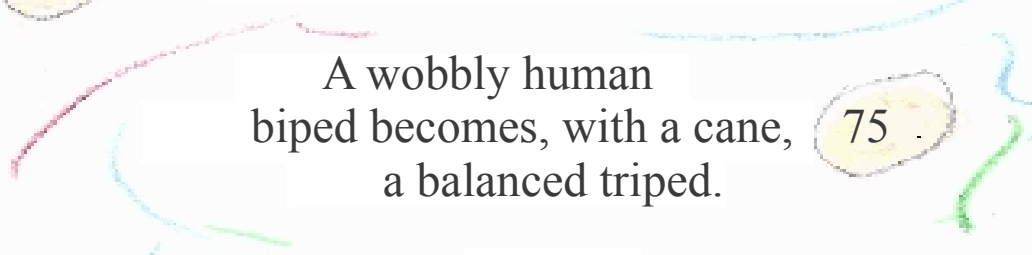


Poe, mourning a friend,  
sighed that she had died twice for  
she had died so young

73



74 “Nothing can be worse,”  
he said, “I’ll enjoy my ride  
in the hearse”, he said.



A wobbly human  
biped becomes, with a cane,  
a balanced triped.

75



Our Swedish windsock 76  
waves in Pacific breezes  
to all passers by.

Muffet's tougher now.  
While eating curds and whey she'll  
chase spiders away. 77

The rugged terrain's  
stunningly beautiful in  
Lake County, CA. 78

Someday I may leap  
with the waves, dance with the stars,  
whistle with the wind. 79

Anna Anderson  
lost her nyckel and couldn't  
get into her hus. 80

81 What's a metaphor?  
For regaling naked truth  
in robes of fiction.

A snickernoodle  
was a cookie from Heaven  
when I was seven. 82



Kudos to Adam  
Thoroughgood, father of the  
American Dream.

Innocent beauty  
and beautiful innocence  
never cease to charm.

W and Y  
are vowels in “awfully”  
and “unlawfully”.

Facetiously, in  
this word five or six vowels  
appear in order.

Oprah Sesame!  
Opens the door to knowledge  
and action and fun.

Tess and Ted are bears  
but not bare bears, for they wear  
fur most everywhere.

What will be will be,  
but nobody knows just what  
that “will be” will be.

One plus one is three:  
You and I and we. This is  
Love's arithmetic.



91

The patient in bed  
waiting long, finally said,  
“don't bother; I'm dead.”

Be my Valentine  
Sweetheart on February  
Fourteenth and always.

92

Caught in flue, a flea  
and fly fled by flying through  
a flaw in the flue.

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Granny and Gramps got  
“cranny cramps” from living in  
tight quarters too long.

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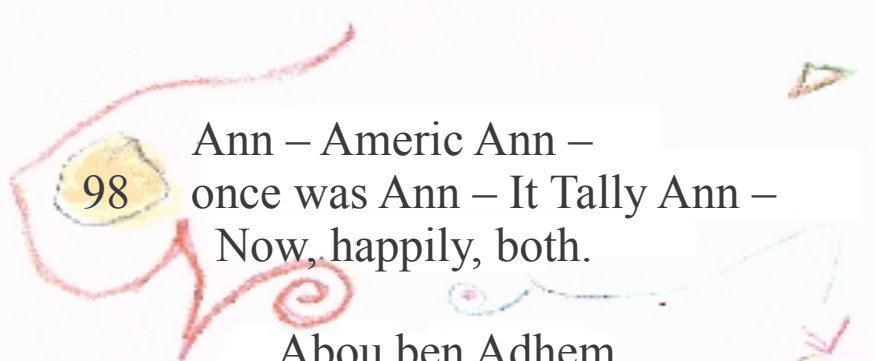
Save a nickel here,  
a million dollars there, and  
soon you'll be wealthy.

Barry's home run ball  
soared high through western sky and  
plunged into the bay.

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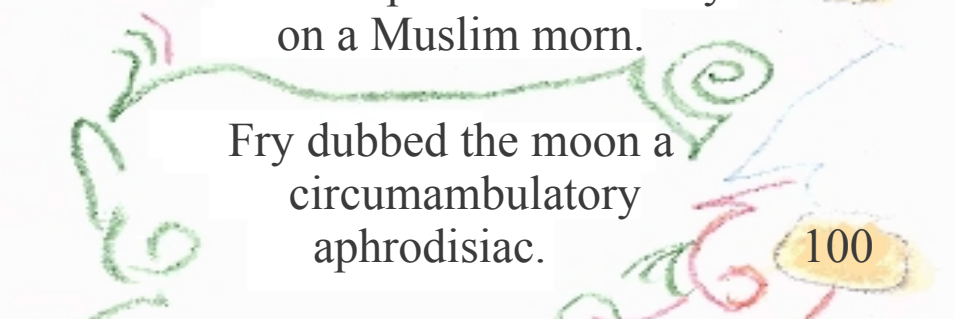
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A pepparkakor  
in you palm and at your touch,  
becomes three cookies.

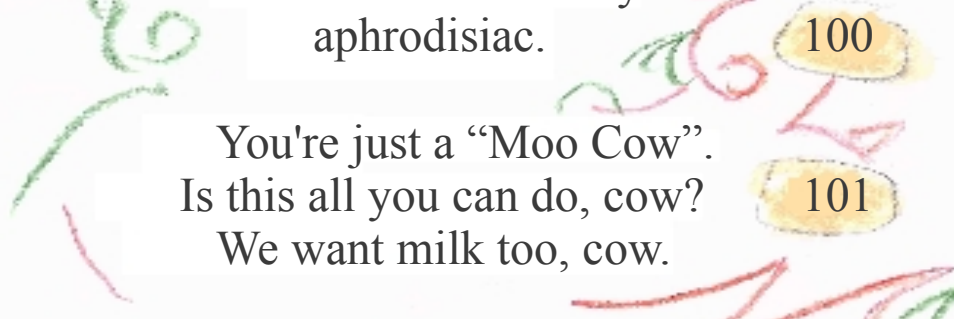


98 Ann – Americ Ann –  
once was Ann – It Tally Ann –  
Now, happily, both.

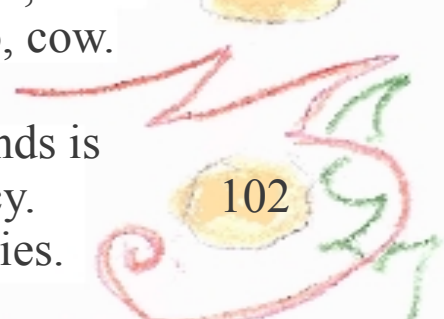
Abou ben Adhem  
was up and at 'em early 99  
on a Muslim morn.



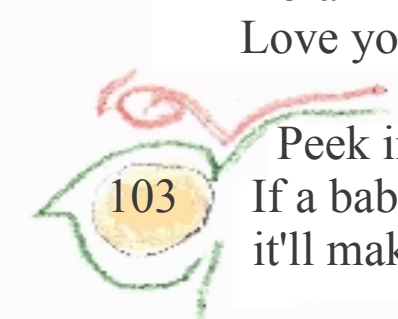
Fry dubbed the moon a  
circumambulatory  
aphrodisiac. 100



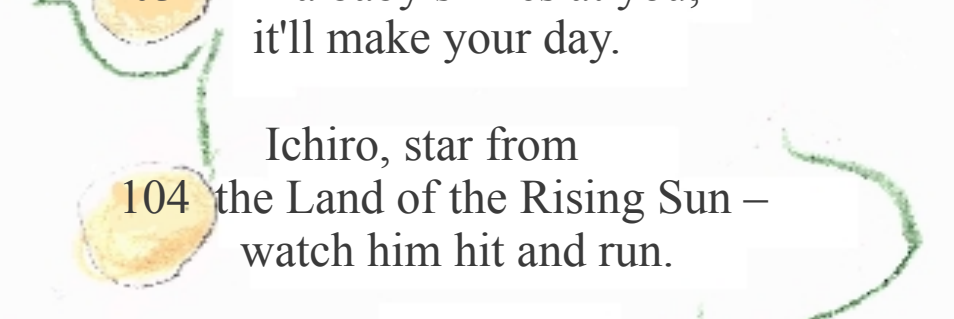
You're just a "Moo Cow".  
Is this all you can do, cow? 101  
We want milk too, cow.



Loving your friends is  
moral inadequacy. 102  
Love your enemies.



103 Peek into a crib.  
If a baby smiles at you,  
it'll make your day.



104 Ichiro, star from  
the Land of the Rising Sun –  
watch him hit and run.

If life on earth ends 105  
in twenty-twelve, let's be sure  
we all die as friends.

106 “Beware the Great White” –  
shark, blizzard, avalanche, or  
worse – “The Great White Lie”.

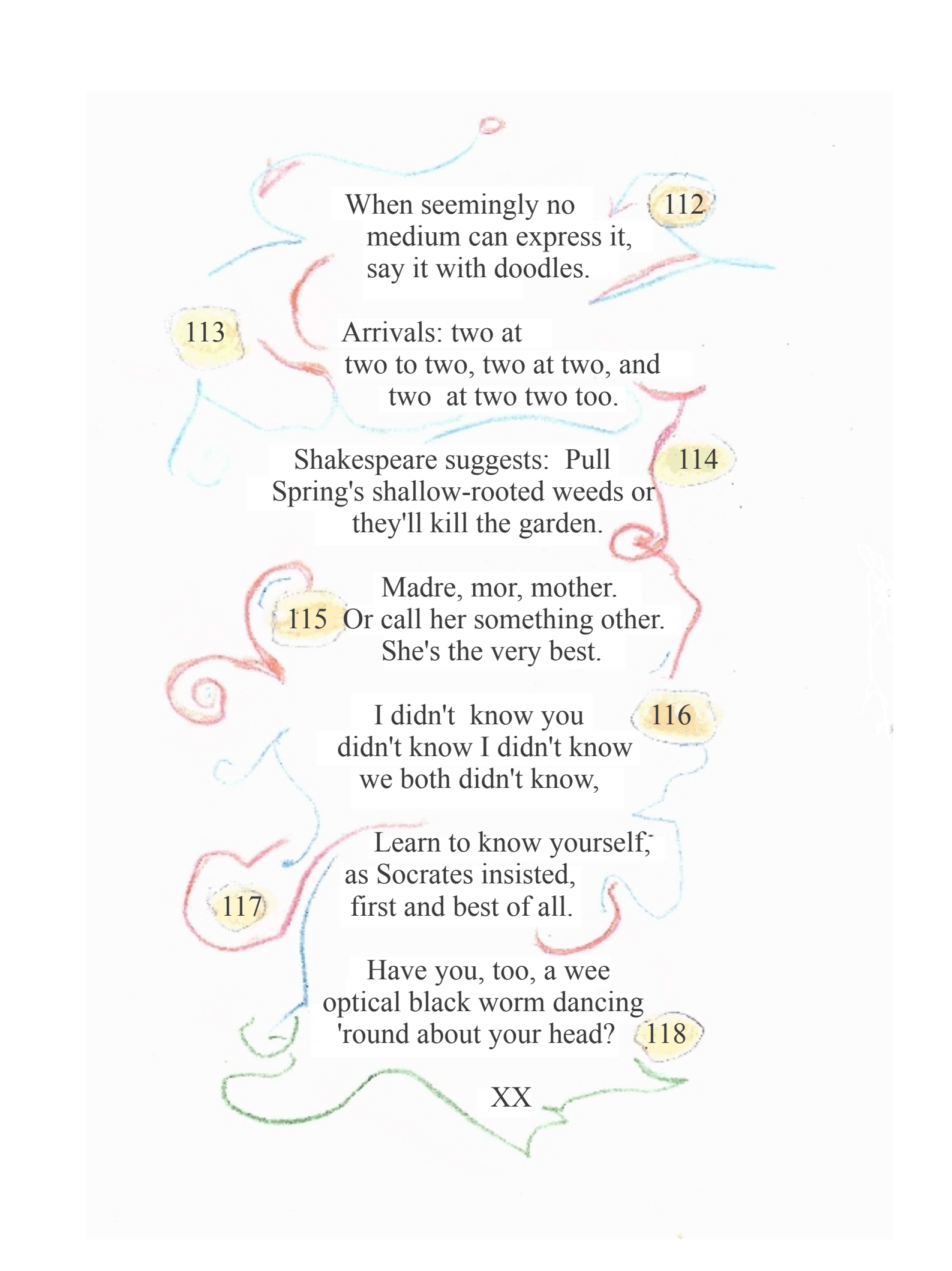
Do it even if 107  
it's impossible, for life  
is a miracle.

Agnosticism  
is better than a stubborn  
and closed-minded faith. 108

Do re me fa sol,  
109 but don't forget the others;  
sing them, la ti do.

110 Zealots who hate those  
who they think hate God think that  
God should hate them too.

Our dim lamps flicker,  
Thus, our view of what is true 111  
is hazy and blurred.

The page features several paragraphs of text, each accompanied by a yellow circular callout containing a number. The text is surrounded by colorful, hand-drawn doodles in shades of blue, red, and green. The numbers 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, and 118 are placed near their respective text blocks. The page concludes with the Roman numeral 'XX' at the bottom center.

When seemingly no  
medium can express it,  
say it with doodles.

112

113

Arrivals: two at  
two to two, two at two, and  
two at two two too.

Shakespeare suggests: Pull  
Spring's shallow-rooted weeds or  
they'll kill the garden.

114

Madre, mor, mother.  
115 Or call her something other.  
She's the very best.

I didn't know you  
didn't know I didn't know  
we both didn't know,

116

117

Learn to know yourself,  
as Socrates insisted,  
first and best of all.

Have you, too, a wee  
optical black worm dancing  
'round about your head?

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GUS'S CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO THIS COLLECTION



Wee must bee and dew.  
Aisle bee eye, and Yule bee ewe,  
and wheel get it done. 119

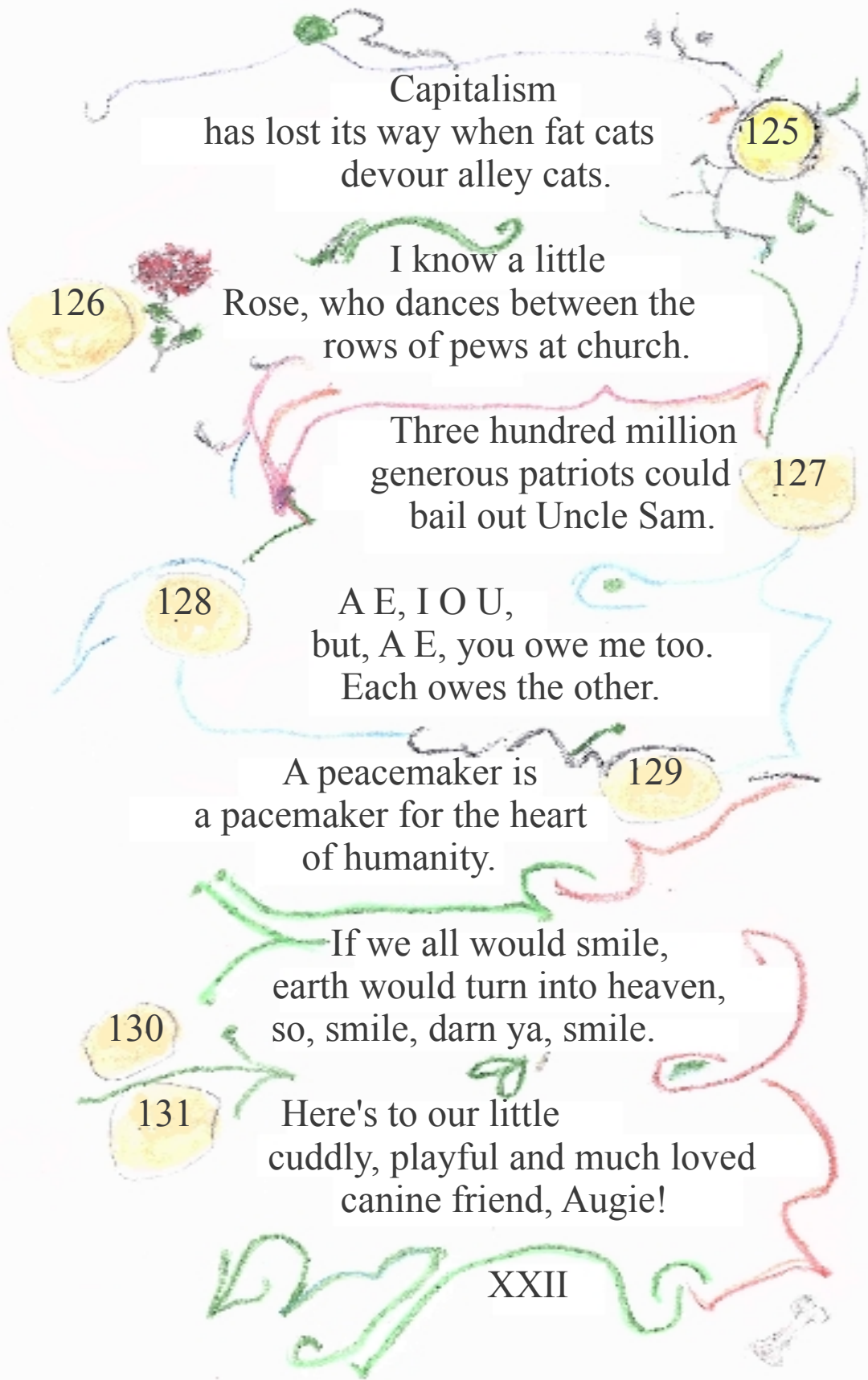
120 My new fedora  
tilts a bit to the right, but,  
my mind to the left.

Bereft of social 121  
intercourse, one is scarcely  
human or alive.

122 Wouldn't lowering  
the birth rate help solve our dread  
poverty problem?

Relativity  
appears to be the one and  
only Absolute.  
123

Yes, I didn't bathe.  
Neither, today, did I shave.  
Yesterday, I may've. 124



Capitalism  
has lost its way when fat cats  
devour alley cats.

126

I know a little  
Rose, who dances between the  
rows of pews at church.

Three hundred million  
generous patriots could  
bail out Uncle Sam.

128

A E, I O U,  
but, A E, you owe me too.  
Each owes the other.

A peacemaker is  
a pacemaker for the heart  
of humanity.

130

If we all would smile,  
earth would turn into heaven,  
so, smile, darn ya, smile.

131

Here's to our little  
cuddly, playful and much loved  
canine friend, Augie!

BARACK and MICHELLE,  
together ring the bell zuv  
Peace for all the world.

132

133

Shalom, fred, pax, paz,  
peace to you, whoever or  
wherever you are.

134

People Everywhere  
Are Crying Earnestly for  
P E A C E.

Less politics, please!  
More true patriotism  
and wise statesmanship.

135

Sometimes it seems that  
both elephants and donkeys  
act like jackasses.

136

137

Too many rightists  
stuck in the mud? Too many  
leftists, just airheads?

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Thank you, dear reader,  
for perusing the ramblings  
of this writer's mind.

138

139

If you missed the one  
that's meant to be sung, please take  
another gander.

XXIII



140



Old? Oh, No, my dears,  
I haven't yet completed  
My first hundred years.



141



Tomorrow's earthlings  
Will thank us if we leave them  
A new, peaceful world.

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