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May, as always, the heart of our northern Spring. ROARSHOCK PAGE plants and presents seeds old and new, and what they grow.

PERHAPS THE START OF SOMETHING GOOD

“Ah! That rings a bell.” said the coatless man flipping cards on the table. He came forward from the back of the room tripping over cigar butts and gagging on their smoke. He was clad in the American flag. The colors reflected from well placed mirrors.

“Here. Here, Mozak!” he cried in a clear voice. The bearded man turned toward him flashing blue Danish eyes.

“What do you want, Pablo Austa?” he asked.

“The secret of reality.” Pablo answered.

“Reality—in what form?”

“Old and new, past and present, and that of the future.”

“Very well. I shall tell you things to delight an idiot.”

Then they talked of tea pots and of pottery. Pablo chewed gum and watched the pretty girls pass through the room. Great knowledge was exchanged as the two let fly their vast wisdom.

Mozak took canvas and brush and began to paint like a two year old.

“A painter is a god.” he said, quoting someone—he did not know who.

— D. A. Wilson

WEALTH

I have no metal coins,
My pockets are filled with shiny stones.
No green paper,
Adorned with the portraits
Of long dead rulers,
Stuffed proudly in my wallet.
Inside are only autumn leaves
And hawk feathers.
I have no golden crown,
Bright flowers sparkle in my hair.

— D. A. Wilson

BERKELEY CAFÉ

Sitting with cappuccino
In a Berkeley café

April night
Darkness brings soft warmth
Tugged by wind
Alive

Inside beyond glass
I drink this liquid
And watch
As all

go by

— D. A. Wilson

LANDSCAPES

Trying to find
A poem
In old red books.
The ruddy sun,
The silver moon.

Trying to find
A poem
Under autumn-brown trees,
Winter snow,
Crisp sky.
Green sunny springtime,
Bright flowers,
Summer waves.

Trying to find
A poem.
Under different landscapes.

— D. A. Wilson

THAT NEEDING MOTION

Seas
Waves
Oceans
Falling down
All fall down

— D. A. Wilson

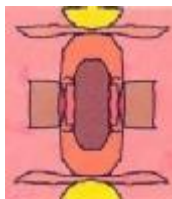
JUST THINKING

These poems I am writing,
Can I claim credit for them?
For what little worth they hold?
In truth their origins escape me.
I write words but never know why.
They come into my head and I write them down.
It really blows my mind.
Yet, I'm glad that it happens.
My poems make me happy,
And I would like to share them with you.

— D. A. Wilson



Walter S. Roessler, D. A. Wilson, Lisbeth Roessler and Elizabeth Wilson in Hayes Valley, San Francisco, Spring 2001.



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- 05/01 2017 MAY DAY
05/02 1611 King James Bible published in London.
05/03 1937 Margaret Mitchell's *Gone with the Wind* won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.
05/04 1953 Ernest Hemingway won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for *The Old Man and the Sea*.
05/08 1912 Paramount Pictures was founded.
05/10 2017 FULL FLOWER MOON
05/13 2017 Elizabeth Wilson graduated, Bachelor of Arts, Mills College, Oakland, California.
05/14 1973 *Skylab*, first US space station, launched.
05/15 1905 Las Vegas, Nevada was founded.
05/17 1536 Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn's marriage was annulled.
05/18 1953 Jackie Cochran became the first woman to break the sound barrier.
05/20 1609 Shakespeare's sonnets were published.
05/21 2011 Radio broadcaster Harold Camping predicted the world would end on this date.
05/22 1900 The Associated Press, a non-profit news cooperative, founded in New York City.
05/25 2017 NEW MOON
05/26 1897 *Dracula* by Bram Stoker was published.
05/28 1830 U.S. President Andrew Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act.
1892 The Sierra Club was first organized by John Muir in San Francisco.
1900 Gare d'Orsay station inaugurated in Paris.
05/30 1431 Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in Rouen, France.
05/31 526 Antioch was devastated by an earthquake.
1578 Henry III placed first stone of Pont Neuf (New Bridge), the oldest bridge in Paris.

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