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Money Isn't Everything

or

I CRIED ALL THE WAY TO THE CARE PACKAGE

I wish I was a poet
Then all the world would know it.
Though being inconsequential
(Without being penitential),
I hope to leave posterity
At least one famous rarity
Such as blank verse
Or even worse,
A rhyme is nice
And would suffice.
But my mind won't give in
So I'm doomed to oblivion.
If my ideas would hatch,
To fame I would latch.

Janey Walters-'62

Granny's Bikini

I protest! They're going to change my brother's name. His name has always been Nathaniel Jones, Junior. I usually call him Nat but sometimes "Junior" like the folks around home have since Dad's name is also Nat.

Nat is a football player. He always gets carried off the field, but not like the fellows he tackles, he rides on some boys' shoulders. He has more trophies for football, basketball, golf, and all than I have freckles. And I have more freckles than Kennedy has relatives.

Chung Lei, my adopted brother, and Nat don't go around together at all, but they get along pretty well. Chung has lived with us a long time—since way back before I was born! He's usually out with his Chinese friends and about the only time I see him is when he works in the yard for Dad.

Of course when we have company Chung sticks around. Dad brags and brags about his boys. He puts his hand on Nat's shoulder and says, "This is my boy, Nathaniel, Junior. He's everything I always wished I could be when I was a youngster. Smart? Why he can outwit his father before I've realized he's done it . . ."

Then Mr. What's ma-gigger grins at Chung Lei. "And this," continues Dad, "is my other son, Chung Lei. He's still got a lot of the Chinaman's philosophy he won't let go of, but we're mighty proud of him!"

Then Mr. What's ma-gigger looks my way, "This," Dad clears his throat, "This is Isabel Beatrice. She used to be lazy with her studies, but lately we have seen that she gets more personal instruction, and I think she's going to do just fine."

Walter, my baby brother, then makes himself known to Mr. What's ma-gigger with a terrifying sound he produces out of his toy horn. Snatching the horn from him, Dad introduces Walter Hines whom we have nicknamed "Ketchup" (not only because of his middle name but also because he's always trying to catch up with Nat). Dad omits this little piece of information and goes on to tell Mr. What's ma-gigger of what a fine young man he knows Walter will be. "Why just today he took his first step!" Nat stumbled over Walter's wooden blocks, and Walter stood up to see what had happened.

Dad's bragging doesn't end with four of us anymore. He has been stocking up on cigars since the first of the year. This is why he, Ma, Granny, and all the other big folks in the family insist that Nat's name must be changed.

"It's going to be a boy!" proclaimed Dad.

"Well, it just isn't fair to Walter and the baby that Nathaniel have his father's name and they don't," announced Granny.

... And so, the big group decided that when the new baby comes they will have Nat, Junior's name changed to Ichabod. Can't you just imagine everyone cheering at the games, "One-two-three-four who do we appreciate? Ichabod!"? Won't the colleges jump at the chance to have Ichabod Jones (better known as "Ickey") enrolled in their school?

Why Ichabod? "That was my great grand-father's name," offers Granny. "Walter was named after my grandfather and the baby will be named after your Grandfather Ben."

Well, Nat and I protest anyway. Ichabod may have suited out great great great grandfather like a bathing suit fits a pretty girl, but Ichabod suits Nat as peculiarly as a bikini on Granny.

Ann Barham—'62

How To Learn French

To listen to me is imperative For sage advice to you I'll give. And if you hark, and if you heed, You'll all learn to speak French with speed.

There are tools which are needed in any course For studying, learning, and such . . . Like a book, and a notebook, and other such things—

But these You're Forbidden To Touch!

For never a written French word must you see While working or while playing!
It's very important, for if you do
YOU MIGHT LEARN WHAT YOU'RE
SAYING!

And once a week, for an hour or so, You'll go down to the lab To help your accent improve itself By hearing a Frenchman gab.

But, if you're really in good luck, The teacher'll do the talking, And change those horrid Parisian sounds To lovely croaking and squawking.

And when studying's done, you can mumble some words

Like a voodoo spell or a trance . . . But you'll really be speaking quite excellent French,

Understandable except in France!

Rhea Jacobs—'62

PERFECT HATRED

How do I loath thee? Let me count the ways. I despise thee to the tenths and ninths and octaves

My hands cannot reach, when feeling and groping

For the chords of correctness and ideal sound. I abhor thee for the hour of every day's Required practice, before or after school. I dislike thy cadences, never exactly tuneful: I hate thy inversions, always so difficult: I detest thee with the passion that should be put to use

In practicing thy Brahms or Chopin or Schubert or Verdi.

I abominate thee with a dislike I shall never seem to lose.

I loathe thee with the recital pieces, the scales, the triplets of my ten weary fingers.

And, since my parents are firm,
I shall but always dislike thee, nasty music lessons.

Barbara Barney--'62

The Death Of A Believer

I think back on the life I've lived,
Of things accomplished, times of fun.
Strange, of all times, the bad is vague;
the good prevails.

The pain I feared does not abide Within this shell I soon shall leave, But more excitement wells within, And courses through my life-worn veins.

It comes now like the rushing water Surrounding and engulfing me. But ah, so clear it all becomes And I hear the bell peel out for me.

It is fisished, It is begun.

Ray Kutos-'62

Japanese Haiku

The Japanese *haiku* is a tiny verse form with which Japanese poets have been working for hundreds of years. The extreme expressiveness and brevity are its most striking features. Instead of meter and rhyme, *haiku* consists of three lines of seventeen syllables. The first and third lines contain five syllables each, and the second contains seven. Because it is uncomplicated by unessential elements, the *haiku* forces concentration on one moment of experience, insight, or appreciation.

I can move mountains
I sometime amaze myself
I'm pretty big ant.

Richard Best—'62

Alone is the man Who walks through life without ever Talking to himself.

Terry Jones—'62

You really fine girl You go far in this big world Don't fall off broomstick.

Richard Best—'62

When men try and fail
We stand back and criticize.
Step into their shoes.

Joyce Bellamy—'62

Please don't raise your voice I am not hard of hearing; I'm ignoring you.

Richard Best—'62

Lipstick red on lips All day stays in same place Smears at night only.

Anne Baker-'63

Cave, tree, man on move House, progress atom power Cave, tree, man on move.

David McKinney—'63

Required writings due, Turn in haste to cartridge pen; No ammunition.

Roger Lewis—'62

Lonely autumn sky
Trees with leaves of yellow gold
Deadly drifting dust.

Pat Hartsook—'62

Modern real estate Most exclusive yet, sign say: Ranch-style bomb shelter.

Roger Lewis—'62

Men lead healthy lives
'Til Reader's Digest tells them
Of their deadly ills.

Terry Jones—'62

New-type floating soap, Just ninety-nine per cent pure; Unfit for bathing.

1.

Roger Lewis-'62

Dial zero for help. Dial the heart for happiness, But for dirt, Dial Soap.

Terry Jones-'62

What pretty picture! Author's name on corner Reads: Mother Nature.

Patsy Allison—'62

"Be fair in dealings,"
Preach the big wheels of the town
Who leave crooked treads.

Terry Jones—'62

SLEEPING IN CLASS ON A WINTER MORNING

Whose class this is I think I know; Her lectures are in Endsville though. She will not see me snoozing here To help the boring minutes go.

My little desk must think it queer For me to sleep with Prof so near, Our thirst for knowledge trying to slake The longest period of the year.

On uneven legs it gives a shake To ask if there is some mistake. The only other sound's the drone Of the teacher's voice with crack and quake.

My dreams are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have homework and notes to keep
And two classes to go before I sleep,
And two classes to go before I sleep.

Beverly Wilkinson-'62

MOUNTAINTOP HAIKU

SPRING

Cool, clear mountain stream Froths over pebbles like child's Pure bubbling laughter.

Zephyr breezes waft Sweet smell of wet pine needles Through dark forest halls.

SUMMER

Blue and green shadows Of swaying pines on hillside Shimmer through the mist.

Playful, dimpled clours Laugh and dance 'round haughty hills, Tickle mountain's nose.

AUTUMN

Glowing saffron flames Drift from oak and maple twigs, Crackle underfoot.

Keen winds ruffle a Mountain lake's austerity To its blue, child depths.

WINTER

Icy wind arrows From naked tree limb bows pierce Snow-choked atmosphere.

Blue cold reigns on the Mountain Tops; a lark's sweet trill Melts serene silence.

Beverly Wilkinson—'62

ALLEREDNIC

Once upon a time, way back in the middle of a mad century, lived a slick little chick by the name of Allerednic. Allerednic lived with her old lady and a couple of mean ol' stepsisters in a little surburban type pad, just a little east of Orobsneerg, C. N. The mean ol' stepsisters never did anything around the pad but give Allerednic the dickens, as she was doing all the squarest housework.

One day an invite to a local obmoc came in the mail and the mean ol' stepsisters got all hip on the idea and began to put on a new face (and boy did they need it). Poor Allerednic was told bluntly, "You ain't goin', kiddo, so like help us get ready." Allerednic was all sad of course, for she had been longing to hear that sharp band that was to play, The Scaidoz.

Soon the mean ol' stepsisters and their old lady, was to be a chaperone, had split for the ball and Allerednic was left alone (in case you're wondering why the old lady went to the obmoc too; a few months back, a local slrig bulc had thrown an obmoc and bad things resulted. So, from then on all obmocs were to be chaperoned by a stnerap committee).

As Allerednic sat in the surburban type pad, in her raggy type clothes, the swingingest fairy god mother type person came on the scene. Allerednic got all shook over this and the cool fairy god mother type person gave Allerednic a little

tap on the bean with her magic little wand and she like went from rags to riches. There stood Allerednic in a batik kilt, a Villager, and tassel wee-juns. Wow! She was like Miss Teenage American or somebody. Then the fairy god mother type person took Allerednic out to the garage and turned her Hupmobile into a new three liter Ferrari and zoom, Allerednic was at the obmic before she got out of second gear.

Allerednic, after parking the beast, made the inside scene and many eyes turned to dig the way-out chick, especially the old lady and the mean ol' stepsisters for they dripped with greeneyed envy. The prince of the ball crabbed Allerednic by the hand, and they began twisting the night away. Ah, there's the rub. Allerednic had forgotten the fairy god mother type person's warning to be home by twelve and before she knew what hit her, the wicked ol' clock made like a villain and like a P-38 taking the sound barrier the midnight hour came on like a champ. Allerednic cut out real fast but alas, too late. Her ivy set of threads were rags again and her Ferrari was again a hand-cranked Hupmobile.

Now if you're wondering why this cat that she was makin' it with at the obmoc didn't chase after her, it's simple. He was a teenage fortune hunter and didn't want to get stuck with some chick from the other side of the tracks. DETGHEN (which means: THE END).

LOST

Sofly,
Silently stealing
Through the house,
The lonely, deserted mansion
Whose empty rooms echoed yesterday's grandeur,
A searching specter, bejeweled
And reminiscent of
Grand balls
Past.

Lovely,
Chiffon colors,
Rich but faded,
Adorned the lithe phantom
Who glided down the once magnificent halls
Whose dark marble walls
Mirrowed forgotten splendor
Of still
Beauty.

Lonely,
Melancholy music
Whispered special secrets
Of lovers and garden rendevous
Where hidden kisses and many happy hours
Turned winter to spring,
Summer to fall,
And murmured
Peace.

She
Wandered past
The sheeted parlor
That had once been illuminated
By an ornate, tinkling, crystal chandelier
Into the spacious ballroom
That almost reverberated
With lilting
Laughter.

Chilling,
Eroding time
Had settled quietly
Over the silent chambers
Of long-forgotten faces and dreams;
The apparition shivered
Into the night
And was
Gone.

Janey Walters—'62

SO STRONG A SUSPENDER

"There's no love lost," says everyone gaily When told of a friend betraying his trust. But deep inside the hurt remains contained Until the proper place for tears is reached. What if there is no proper place retained For whaling deep sorrows, screaming mean threats?

Hate that is in us forms a small giant That grows and governs and makes us his slave. False Pride holds us back from the place we seek

To pray, reflect, and mostly reminisce.

Ann Baker-'63

LOVE'S SILHOUETTE

I begged forgiveness of my wrong. But they chose to nourish their wrath. "He's a sinner!" "He will shame us!" "He treads the devil's path!"

With my confession smeared across my face. I walked alone amongst the crowd. Guilt grew within my soul And mustered in my throat a cloud.

I approached the home of my best friend And asked solace from within. He looked upon my immoral being And shut me out with my great sin.

I wandered through the snarling streets Of the town that had once carressed me. I met the scornful eyes of those Who had befriended me, when I was free.

Free of my fault, my evil doing.
Free from the walls that were between
Me and the world about.
Free, because my slate was clean.

I knew the harshness of the world, The coldness of the unforgiving. I sought that I might somewhere find A purpose for my living.

A cry! I heard another crying. I heeded the child's despair. And as she heldmyarm so tightly I knew God gave me this to share.

Now my sin is long forgotten, But I shall ne'er forget That precious child of God, Who was for my love's silhouette.

Ann Barham-'62

SOCIETY THE UGLY

School society's demand parents society's rule enforced want of wealth society's drawing card fear of reality hard as a donut donuts God of society iello hard as the principles society stands on home of the lost the truth leader from the lost faith in everything society's killer peace impossible without the truth society kicks society needs Thy shall not steal hub caps to jail with hubcap stealers behind bars the striped sun-tan freedom parole a chance to steal again murder death destruction poverty society's waste matter youth younger than legal age parents the mess of the legal age

a countdown of life

death the blastoff of a soul death society's creator wisdom gained by the youth peace with the deed

Clark Brown—'62

Rocking Chair Biography

Once I yearned for tomorrow's dawn; Lived only for tomorrow's night.

Today was a mere stepping stone To the riches of the morrow.

Now was only a time to yawn, Sit back and wait for daylight.

One day I awoke and was grown; Too late to reap, too late to sow. yesterday I could have.

Terry Jones—'62

SENSITIVE

See a cloudless sky;
Hear the soft falling of rain;
Smell the first spring flower;
Taste a home-cooked meal;
Touch the hand of love—
God.

Janey Walters-'62

IN THE SPRING

In the spring there was a bud upon a thorny blackberry bush; there was a newly built nest in a white lilac; there was a midnight black kitten born, with closed eyes and soft fur; there was a small yellow puppy, bouncing and frolicking over the lush green lawn; and there was a freckled face boy of twelve years or so, with a fun loving shine in his eyes.

As the cool, beautiful spring changed to the early, warm summer, the bud also changed to a sweet smelling blossom; the nest contained an egg, a tan egg with brown spots; the kitten grew to be a young, skinny cat; the puppy became less clumsy on his feet; the boy was still twelve years or so with a fun-loving shine in his eyes.

As the warm, early summer days turned into the long, hot summer, the blossom changed to a hard green berry; the egg hatched and an ugly, scrawny baby bird took its place; the young cat became wiser; the puppy became a hasdsome dog; the boy with the fun-loving shine in his eyes became quite a hunter, for he now owned a rifle.

As the summer days grew cooler and fall was in the air, the berry hung heavily on the black-berry bush; the baby bird had become a pretty, delicate adult bird; the cat had become a slinky, hunting "tom"; the dog had become wild for a chase; and the boy with the fun-loving shine in his eyes had become an expert shot with his rifle.

The bird, in search of food, found the ripe, juicy berry and greedily devoured it. The stalking "tom" crouched, sprang, and so easily crushed the little bird's wing. He let it go, then he caught it again. At long length he killed the bird and savagely tore it to pieces. The dog, seeing the cat basking in the sun with bulging sides, attacked and brutally broke the fleeing

"tom's" back. The boy, who had seen the dog's assault, took careful aim with his rifle. (He meant to kill the brute). The fun-loving shine grew dim, weak, and disappeared. The boy lowered the rifle to his side, he felt overcome with shame and grief but could only ask, "Why?"

Pam Ransley-'62

HINDSIGHT

I crossed the portals of Paradise Alley And saw,
Half-starved urchins clothed in
Naked innocence,
Oh poverty, or squalor,
Who but you can turn the soul
And make mankind forget his bad?

I crossed the golden path of wealth
And saw,
Them run with eyes aglow in
False security,
Oh capital, oh wealth,
Who but you can build for man a god
And make him lay aside the truth?
Nick O'Steen—'63

CAN A BERRY TELL?

Whan that Aprille with his shoures sote Chaucer token pen in han an he wrote Of all the naughty folks he knowte That laven many hundred year agote. Maybe they were missing their corages These folks who took these annual pilgrimages But, then, it cou hav bin Geoffrey Chaucie That shou be credited with his vulgaucie.

Ann Barham-'62

THE HUMAN BARRIER

Creeping vastness of night is dissolved Away by the restless dawn.

... and God said let man have dominion Over the living of the earth.

Stretching from golden fields of grain To oozing marsh and sea of birth.

Man began to spin his thin web As he explored an unknown world.

Threads break, goods marooned, and thoughts ebb,

And man into a knot is hurled.

His web dangles from a high branch Up where he thinks he's the king

Over the groundlings of his ranch Yet never weaves a downward string.

To join in with the melody God made in his first creation.

Treading upward—up to be free To play God in a world of none.

He scorned the weak and needy Of a waiting world which asks help.

Still this world nourishes the tree Which supports his web and his yelp.

Faithful, true for millions of years Asking why for a kind word.

To soothe the many, many fears Which man himself on them incurred.

Nature stluggles and earns her name. Man collects fame and takes the bow,

And upon nature throws all blame, She as his mother wipes her brow.

And the vastness of day is faded away By the setting sun.

Terry Jones—'62

Coming Of The Storm

The pounding surf raced upon the beach with fingers white which seemed to reach for the shores of cold golden sand and gathered it with its outstretched hanl.

The clouds grew dark with swollen weight the land trembled, fearing its fate. The hidden sun revealed an eerie light that caused mankind to flee in fright.

The sighing wind with a low groan reached dows and kissed the bubbling foam Then soared upward to caress each cloud with infinite tenderness.

Patsy Allison-'62

Wind Chimes

Glass crystals enameled with oriental symbols of love,

joy,

and peace

Reflect the sun shining down on the earth from its lofty perch

in the sky.

Glass crystals blown by the wind chime a tune of love,

joy,

and peace

For the world to hear, for a world threatening

self-destruction

to heed.

Karen Schwebenton-'63

A Second Ending

I twisted around in the metal chair, my knees painfully grating against the concrete wall, and reached down into the wooden box at my feet. My hands shuffled through the contents of the box as though I could recognize what I wanted by touch. Unable to find what I sought, I dumped the twenty-three paperbacked books on the floor and went through them again. Not all of them were great classics of literature, but they were the reading I enjoyed, and besides, they were inexpensive and had been easy to obtain. I considered it a great bit of foresight in purchasing these books while I had been stocking my shelter. I wonder if anyone else had had the intuition I had shown. Why, everyone had known that when the inevitable attack came he would have to spend at least two or three weeks underground in a fallout shelter waiting for the radiation count to dimish. And what better way is there to pass the time away than by reading a good book?

I have read all twenty-three books twice in these two and a half weeks. But one cannot occupy his mind by reading books alone. I gave that up six days ago, and many times in these last six days I save seriously contemplated killing myself for want of something better to do. The boredom is unbearable. I have even kept a diary to help keep my mind occupied, but what can one write about at the end of the day when nothing at all has happened? And glancing over the pages of that diary, I see the greatest of all ironies. The entry is dated April 16, 1962.

"My first day in the fallout shelter is an exciting one. I can tell that I may enjoy this three week visit with solitude. Although I was very frightened when the warning first came, I am quite calm now. Only one curious incident has happened. Two hours after I locked myself in I heard someone knock-

ing at the steel door. Fearing that the intruder would force me into the holocaust outside, I yelled at him to go away. The knocking continued for about fifteen minutes and then stopped. Oh, yes, one other incident has happened. In my rush to lock myself in, I knocked over the portable radio and broke it beyond repair. I consider this as an unfortunate happening, but it does not worry me too much. I probably would not have listened to it anyway."

I am crying now as I read this. Oh, what I would give if that poor unfortunate man were now talking to me. I would even welcome the sound of my radio. All I listen to is my own sobs and cries filling the short span of eight feet between the concrete walls.

I can't stand this much longer. It has been two and a half weeks... two and a half weeks, and the last several days have seemed like centuries.

It is unbearable!

I can't wait four more days . . . I must leave now.

As I pass in front of the wall that separates the door from that one room, my anxiety is suddenly surpassed by an uncontrollable fear of what I will find outside. I can easily imagine the complete ruin and desolation of the beautiful world I once knew. I can only close my eyes and fumble with the door handle. As the door scrapes open, I feel a sudden warmth, and old sounds reach my ears again.

I can't believe what I see. I blink my eyes and then open them again. It is impossible! The sun is shining down at me from a clear blue sky . . . birds are singing from green and flowering trees . . the world is just as it was when I went into my exile

What has happened? Wasn't there an atomic blast at all? It couldn't have been a false alarm

. . . it just couldn't have been! I couldn't have spent those seventeen days of misery for nothing.

Glancing around, I can see children running about playing, and housewives busily going about their everyday chores. Old Man Jason next door clumsily runs inside yelling to his feeble wife, and politely tries to keep from laughing.

I am stunned. You might say it is the quiet before the storm. I am very humiliated. It had probably been old Jason who had knocked on the door of my shelter and tried to tell me it had been only a false alarm.

Suddenly an uncontrollable rage engulfs me, and I forget about everything except that one object that had caused me so much misery and suffering for two and a half weeks, and that horrible humiliation. I run to the tool shed and grab an axe. Brandishing the axe like a wild man, I storm over to the shelter and begin its destruction. I smash the door completely off its hinges and barge into the living quarters, ruining everything in sight. I destroy the water rations, the ventilation system, and with the last of my strength I chop open the box containing my precious books and scatter them in the water from the ration tins. Dropping the axe, I stumble outside and fall panting to the ground. Never have I been so enraged before. I am so tired I am almost unable to move. I just lie here without trying to think.

I have lain here for an hour new. Thirty minutes ago there was that long, piercing wail from the air raid siren. J just laughed at it. Nothing could make me go back into that shelter again. Not even the roaring winds, searing heat, the blinding flash of light. I just laughed at that, too. But somehow I Can't make myself laugh now, as I watch that great white and red mass of flame and smoke billow into the sky in the shape of a huge mushroom.

Jack Harville-'63

BEAUTY

There is beauty in a sparkling mountain stream, Shadowed by the silvery forms of fleeting trout.

There is beauty in the sea's racing waves, Pounding a rocky shore scattering the wildscreaming gulls.

There is beauty is the multi-colored leaves of autumn

And hiding mountains peeking through mist.

There is beauty in a blanket of freshly fallen winter's snow

And in a Christmas-time frost.

There is beauty in the morning's dew-drenched flower

And in a summer storm's farewell—the rainbow.

There is beauty in the communion of lovers Silhouetted before a blazing sunset.

There is beauty in the tenderness of loved one's eyes

And in a ballerina's simple grace.

There is beauty on a mother's love for her new-born

And in the new day and in the black night.

The world's beauty, found in so many things, Is but a reflection of one's own heart, mind, and soul.

Richard Best--'62

Chorus I

I live my own.

Girls are not for me.

I'm not ready to settle down

In a

Split level ouse

PTA

bridge club

(three nights a week)

trouble with the lawn sprinkler

I'm like a protest cat.

When I'm ready to settle down

O.K.

(Maybe)

Now

I like want to sit on the floor

(listening to jazz)

write

commune

look cool, and

grow a beard.

I'm not ready to settle down

and

make with a bald chin

I live my own.

Chorus II

Men in wash and ware suits

button-down collars

brief case under arm

Women in short skirts

hair in French twist

going to get coffee for boss

Bum wants dime for cuppa coffee

(he should have boss)

"take pamphlet on fallout shelter,"

I have one, cries man

Everyone snickers.

Shakes head

goes on.

WOOOONK!

AIR RAID!!

Everyone wants in man's shelter

sorry

Only room for me.

Johnny Meeks-'62



