



In the middle of June

Hi Friend

That's right, folks, I have a (somewhat) confirmed date of publication. I've set the date for June 15, 2026, for when my new book, **Underwear Hat**, will be released. I know I said it would be available last month. Leave it to me to miss my pronouncement.

Blame me; I'm still learning.

Even when I thought I had everything prepared and ready to go, each book distributor had their own way of doing things. So, adaptation is the key. I'm not going to say everything turned out exactly as I liked. But (here's a word I don't like) I got it as close as I could; in other words, 'good enough' (God, I hate that phrase).

I am busy working on my new book, **Memories in Black**. I hope that I will have this one out in the early fall time frame (August, September); we'll see. Meanwhile, I have a poem from it to share.

The Fear I Live

I live in growing fear that

We will realize the rise of

Unpurified cleansings again

Where one race will determine

The basic rights to life

Of other men

This won't happen from afar

Where we can turn our back

And say how sorry we are

But right here it will happen

Right here as we watch

The loss of freedom

Our Rights—gone

That was once promised

In this country

We called home

Right here

As we sit in ignorance

In our very own dens

USA

America's

Back is turning

On the humble meek

The liberties she once had promised

And now won't

Defend

The Fear I Live is written about how in this country, under this leadership, that is doing everything in their power to disenfranchise certain groups of people. You may say it hasn't gone as far as I'm describing. I say give it time. Everything has a beginning, and once you start the ball rolling, who knows where it will end?

Drop me a note about how you feel about this poem at adrummond@aubpoem.com. Thank you.

Free Stuff Department:

Welcome Darkness and **Blackbird** will be available for free on Amazon sometime next month. Sorry, I haven't determined the dates yet. But I will send you an update when I do.

Just the Usual Department:

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