



AubPoem Newsletter

Why I shouldn't be writing poetry

Hi Friend

I am stupid. A complete moron. An idiot savant. Okay, that last one may be true.

Why do, you ask, do I classify myself as such? Because I'm an old country hick who grew up in the thick, down old dirt lanes in the middle of the woods. I never went to college or received any type of diploma. Especially not an English major degree. So why do I think that I can write poetry?

Why have I written five books and working on number six? Don't get me wrong, I should be proud, but if truth be told, anyone can publish a book, whether or not it attracts an audience. I did it all for the remembrance of my wife. Somehow in my deluded mind I felt, and still do, that it would keep her spirit alive. She was proud of my work. More so than I. "ooh, look and see what my little idiot savant can do." Okay, I'm just being mean there, reverting back to my dark self. She never said or thought that. (See how I used reverting and back in the same description. . . Apparently, that's a

grammar no, no.) No, she would jump up and down with pleasure with my work and pleaded with me many times to publish.

After she passed away. I began to publish the poems she had enjoyed for years, forgetting all pride, forgetting the fact that I had no former education. Forgetting that the only reason I passed my English classes was because of the little stories I used to make up that quite frankly I can barely read or decipher now. (I couldn't spell worth a lick, and if you think my grammar is bad now—sheesh, you should have seen it back then.)

Anyway, this was supposed to be a short piece but as usual my elephantine keystrokes got in the way. I guess what I'm trying to say is I'm not supposed to be able to do what I'm doing, but I'm doing it anyway. Who knows, maybe if I keep it up. I might even become good at it. (Dreams of an idiot. . . Hmm, maybe that's what I should have titled this piece.)

I have been reading a book by **Jordan Thiel** entitled: **After It All, I'll Just Say This**. . . It's okay, I even like some of the poems. But I've decided that I will go back to reading the classic poems that I loved. I was buying and reading newer books to see what and how today's poets write. And I have to say most of it ain't my cup of tea. So rather than get influence by poetry I don't like, I rather stick to poetry I do like.

Perhaps you can help me out, if you have any poetry books you think I may like, please recommend them to me. My email address can be found below.

Look for my new book, **Hello Stranger**, which is available now on Amazon.

Also, I am currently working on a new book: **Wind Swimming**, which I hope to have available near the end of July.

My '**Inside the Circle of the Sun**' series is available on Amazon. [Here's the link](#).

I just haven't made any arrangements for new promotions yet, (lazy I guess.) I will inform you of any in a special announcement edition.

Just as a reminder, I'm still giving away a free book to those who joined my newsletter. If you haven't received yours yet-- just use the link below.

That's all folks, and as always,

Thank you

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