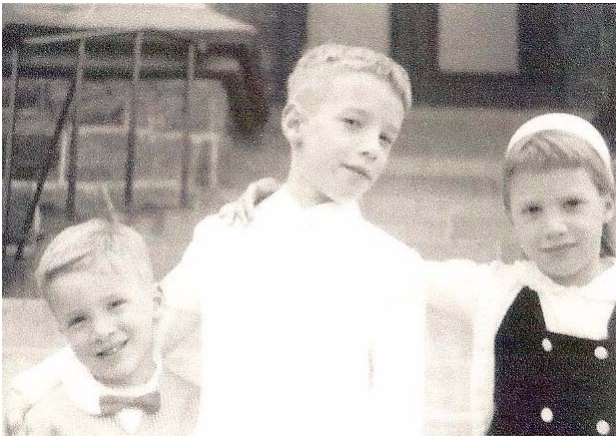


White Sunday



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Life is Deep Green Grass Forever

Life is deep green grass forever
A train track to infinity
Covered by cumulous clouds
So we can't see it all
Can't fathom the yards
But know there's more
About the way

So we trust in God until the end
He holds the mystery in the mist
And sounds that wholesome whistle
Late at night
Before the dawn

We hear it in our beds
A lonesome, holy call
"Come back," he says.
"Return to me.
"Come back and be your all."

"I've got the engineer's cap.
It's blue and white and tall."

We hear the whistle and awake
To the wonders in his call
For God's the only holy one
Holy for us all

God's Dreams

We live in God's dreams
And his dreams are lights across the universe

We sail in God's streams
Chasing the stars of his holy
Meandering seasons
Too short, too full
You decide

We are all of God's kind
And his kind is eternal love

Grab hold atop the giant whale
And feel the motion of God's heart for us
The slow beat, steady wave
Beneath the curve of the wild sea
Fins so large at our sides
We forget that they swim and soar
In the ether evermore
Where we dream also and
Learn of whales that sound the deep

The Messengers

Your children are God's messengers
They carry his hopes to the future
And his love to the past
Charity for your old songs
Once hopes themselves
Now home at last

You were the minister of fears
Hard lessons life has taught
For life is fraught
Dangers coming large and small
All true in the physical
If that were all

But another life is dwelling
Animating from inside
God is always calling us
Back unto his side

To learn from your children
And remember God say
Humble your heart
Get out of the way

What I Love About God

I love that God saved me

Out of the zillion million things he could do
He still saved me
A person on a small planet
Far away from everything
Who fell off the path for so long
He forgot there was a path
Even a gospel to wake the dead
From their slumber

I love that God is eternal and unchanging
That the same God who wrestled with Jacob
And gave the law to Moses
Three thousand some years past
Is in my life too

I love that God is strict
And that one surprised me
But I love it still
And that his mercy and forgiveness
Are as boundless
As his sense of justice

I love that God is always calling out
Even now
So that you can never be lost

I love that God is faithful
And is always home
When I knock on the screen door
In the summer at his house
And he says "Come in!"

I love that God accepts my packages
Filled with anxious cares
He takes them silently when I lay them at his feet
Even when the brown paper wrapper and bakery string
Are drenched with tears

I love that about God

A Resolute Heart

When my heart gave out, and
Sputtered to a stop one winter day
“I said all men are liars”
And resolved to sin no more

Hard places covered the flesh
I was born with
And I forgot

“I cried God’s mercy for it”
And the penance was awful pain
Wrung out as a washcloth
On the devil’s drain

But God heard my anguish
A tornado came apart
Then hailstones in sunlight
And the shadows depart!

God spoke a new song
Like a wheel round his art
He sang it so softly
Just and softly to start

He rebuilt me slowly
With a resolute heart

What I Saw in the Kingdom

The Kingdom of God is like
Coming out of a tunnel
Into blinding sunlight
God has to strengthen you
Just to see it

The Kingdom of God is like
Breathing life-giving water down deep
For the first time
Eclipsing joy
With completeness

The Kingdom of God is like
God's fingers on your soul
Caressing your heart
Radiating the core of your being
Where only God can go.

The Kingdom of God is like
Treasure hidden right before your eyes
Or a bird that you see twice
A golden flashing soaring
Same as a spirit song

The Kingdom of God is like
Leaning on the rake for a moment
And allowing life
Even now, this very minute
But forever too

Why not join us?
(There's a gospel for that.)

Declaration of Dependence

I pledge allegiance to God the Father
And to the Holy Spirit for which he stands
I depend completely on his Son
Who is in all things, indivisible
With mercy and justice for all

Prism in the Shadow

There's a shadow for your head
It hides behind the sun
But contains a dancing prism
Secret flower, hidden one

The prism glows in dark place
Flits forth the land of Un
Shows the colors in the shade
Shows the method, what was done

It's too big, you think!
Well, yes
But there are a lot of yesterdays
In there

Then you pop the black balloon
And exult

When the prism lights again
All the colors show the Son
Glory, glory
Holy one

No Task

There's nothing better than waking up
And letting the day unfold
A breeze that comes from
You know not where
Except you do—
The eternal place

And no task on the schedule
Just waking again
To let creation flow

God's All We've Got

God's all we've got
But the Lord's all we need
Put the spotlight on Him
And plant a good seed

The seed will grow slowly
Can't see it at first
Go deep in your heart
So secret to search

It will grow like a cedar
In Lebanon still
Like ancient days past
But on your window sill

Look up expectation
Raise your heart from the muck
Lift your eyes to horizon
Grow up
Get unstuck

God Works in the Heart

God works in the heart
You work in the mind
And when the two meet
You greet the divine

“On the heights along the way.
where the paths meet.”

He waits

“And no one can snatch them
out of my hand.”

No more to fear now
Always to stand

All Paths Lead to Jesus

All paths lead to Jesus
There is nowhere else you could go

At the end of the long journey
(Was it only years?)
He waits with love
So strong it pierces the bone of your heart
And washes away your iniquities

Creation is always manifesting
And portions of the truth
Dazzle all religions and philosophies

But God's only complete
Transcending revelation
Rests in our king, Jesus Christ
Who lives to this day
And all days

In him alone we are saved
In him alone we hope
In him alone we have the dawn
Get the word
Get the life
Get the water

On him alone we depend
In the eternal present
Where
And only where
We are free

