

# Rhymings of a Disintegrating Mind



a selection of poems  
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## **Preface**

For those of us who still appreciate a little rhyme in our poetry, 'Rhymings of a Disintegrating Mind' is a compilation taken from the following collections:

1. The Lost Property Window collection of poetry and short stories
2. The Fallen poetry series
3. The Binary Log collection of poetry and short stories
4. The authors' novels and short stories
5. the-rhyme-room.com web site

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### **Morbid Thoughts**

We can of course look at life and see its funny side, but here we venture into darker realms, both real and imagined...

### **Gods of Bitter Rage**

*A dying warrior summons his God to express his resolve and enter a plea...*

Come ye, Gods of Bitter Rage  
Do not forsake me now  
I bide here, stricken, not in defeat  
Still glorious, I avow  
My plating cleaved, I strain for breath  
Yet still my arms are strong  
Sprawled upon this rotting earth, I tense  
The hordes advance. Sing the battle song!

Run to me, you sons of hate  
Dare to crush my bones  
You may not fear this crawling wreck  
But I am carved of stone  
None within my reach shall pass  
I conjure wrath and flame

And while the cowards whinge and wail  
The brave fight on in vain

So many corpses stain the ground  
All slaughtered by my hand  
Death shall hail me, Lord, this day  
Reward those I command  
No man has ever matched His greed  
Have I not earned His pride?  
Yes! I see Him midst the ash. He comes!  
At last to bid me lead His tribe

### **Poem for a Vampire Fallen**

*Perhaps all vampires finally meet their match, however unusual and unexpected that match may be...*

Tonight I claimed a youthful girl  
I do not know her name  
Unlike the rest, she showed no fear  
Or cried for one to blame  
Before I pierced her virgin flesh  
Our eyes did meet and there  
I gazed upon my rotten core  
And glimpsed a speck of care

It was as if a sacred cross  
Had rammed into my brain  
And then for once in centuries  
My demon guest felt pain  
I fought against the raging fire  
Resumed my gruesome task  
But as my prey fell silent  
I knew she was the last

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A year has passed since I have known  
The taste of human blood  
Beguiled, I have been poisoned  
By silly schoolgirl love  
I live off swine and insects  
Hide deep within the woods  
For like a stinking carcass  
I'm cast out by the good

This penance is the perfect curse  
Perhaps I should appeal  
Yet I was evil, sought my fate  
A wound our Lord won't heal  
In Hell I am a failure

A thorn in Satan's side  
I walk alone, then, shunned by all  
The dark my only guide

In shadows now I search for rats  
But moonlight thwarts my tack  
The misery that taunts my mind  
Seems worse on winter's back  
Thus I resolve to end this pain  
Accept what lurks beyond  
I seek no peace and that's a fact  
I crave no magic wand

Tonight upon this tainted ground  
I rest 'til dawn of day  
When sunlight flares and dead flesh burns  
I hope to fly away  
To where I killed the youthful girl  
And there my ghost shall dwell  
My sentence for eternity – to think  
About a child who conquered Hell

## **Happiness Somehow Lost**

*Getting old sucks big time, even if it's just reaching fifty! All your worries amassed in one poem.*

Woke again this morning  
Bugger! Still alive  
Can I really stand it?  
Work from nine to five  
Breakfast is a nightmare  
Chaos everywhere  
Blast! I've lost my briefcase  
Forgot to comb my hair

Methuselah at 50  
Nowhere left to smoke  
Insulin and patches  
Drinking diet coke  
Doctor says I'm portly  
So no more vindaloo  
Struggling with the 'old man'  
Viagra turns me blue

20 pairs of glasses  
Still can't read a word  
Dig a bit of garden  
Legs aching, it's absurd

Sip a glass of water  
Then off to find the john  
Remember that it's Friday  
No clue by half past one

Fighting with the in-laws  
The wife's on HRT  
Neighbours think they're Nazis  
At work they all hate me  
Relatives just bicker  
Then tap me for a sub  
Friends are always plotting  
Like dealing with the mob

Young Cindy's six months pregnant  
Father's in Taipei  
Power cut on Monday  
Kids 'blacked out' all day  
I pay for public schooling  
Still English doesn't count  
Drugs in every pocket  
But just in small amounts

It's off to work in traffic  
With queues 10 miles long  
The office boss is 20  
Doesn't even know James Bond  
Management is US style  
They say it's for the best  
'Sure it is,' we all cry out  
'Until the firing fest'

I thought about retirement  
If I left at 55  
Trouble is the pension's gone  
No way can we survive  
HR offers counseling  
For relics such as me  
Ask about my childhood  
And where I like to pee

Back home in the evening  
Beans again for tea  
The bank calls, it's Melissa  
She wants to call me Lee  
Tax forms line the mantle  
God knows who conjured these  
Post consists of gormless loans  
And MBA degrees

News like whistling bullets  
Riddles me with holes  
Scandal in the Commons  
Another useless poll  
The world is run by morons  
Lies and stupid claims  
More ministers than rodents  
Playing silly games

War on half the planet  
Terror truly reigns  
Illness strikes the starving  
The Earth's a crying shame  
Never mind, celebs are here  
We all must look divine  
Let's focus on absurdities  
And leave the rest behind

TV's the new narcotic  
Hi Def the latest curse  
Cars now run on biotech  
To fix 'em, call a nurse  
DIY, the Devil's work,  
Confuses simple man  
Computers I can't understand  
Pursue me with their LAN

Holiday's another joke  
No money for the beer  
Trips across the Amazon  
Instead of Blackpool pier  
Flights delayed, trains on strike  
Pack the punters in  
Are we having fun yet?  
It really is a sin

Another day is over  
A sleepless night ahead  
Mistress won't stop snoring  
Cell phones in my head  
Dogs outside are howling  
Time for me to pray  
PLEASE SEND THE OLD GRIM REAPER  
CAN'T STAND ANOTHER DAY