Nancy Chambers
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Licensed Real Estate Broker since 1967 but always liked poetry so in my 'golden years' I am writing poetry. My poems are not deep or philosophical; they are about very mundane things that bring joy to my life and maybe you'll enjoy them too. I also take photos and many of my poems are inspired by them.
A Dog Named Hercule

There was a dog named Hercule
He lived in a cage and was treated cruel
Although he was trained to protect
He became a police academy reject
Now he lives with people he loves
And is pampered and treated with kid gloves
He roams and plays and is well fed
He even sleeps in a big soft bed
To be a house pet he was meant
The vet says “He is magnificent”
He has big yard and friends galore
He’ll never want for anything more

Nancy Chambers
A Fine Day In June

It was the 9th of June
The weather was singing a happy tune
A great day for yard saleing
With Alan & Lauren in the van a-trailing
Thought we try something new
Off we went to Fortescue
But is was not fun
The greenheads won
The day was half spent
So on we went
To Bay Days at Port Norris
Had to arrive by shuttle bus
Alan took the wheelchair
Steve & Lauren didn't even care
Because of stubbornness the seat remained bare
Lauren foot in cast, limping
Steve with cane, gimping
We stopped to look
At the photos I took
6 pics was my entry
Not even one pleased the judging genrty
Decided to ride on a sight seeing boat
Down the Maurice River we did float
The day was almost gone
When Alan began to yawn
That ended our time to roam
Tired and happy we all went home

Nancy Chambers
A Mini Vacation

Although it had rained all night
By 9 AM it was clear and bright
We did not have a care or worry
Went to ride on the Delafort Ferry
Its flag unfurled in the wind blowing
Off to Pea Patch Island we were going
To visit Fort Delaware
Shaped like a pentagon rather than square
Built to guard the ports of Philly and Wilmington
But never once fired a gun
Used as a Union POW camp
In any weather, it was always damp
Learned some Civil War history
Days gone by no longer a mystery
We enjoyed a very pleasant stay
Tired and happy we ended our day.

Nancy Chambers
A Snowy Day

Silent winter world
Please snow end your stay, Spring is waiting to burst out

Nancy Chambers
Abandoned Cats

He dropped a box in the marshes
Was he up to no good?
Was it evil?
Then we saw cats
Oh No! did he just abandon kittens?
Checked it out
Large box
Contained cat food not kittens
Good Samaritan
Helping homeless cats
Sometimes we get a pleasant surprise.
Do we get what we see?
Or see what we get?

Nancy Chambers
Avogadro

Avogadro-WOW
Huge number to comprehend
Totally blows mind

Nancy Chambers
Betelguese

Red Star Betelgeuse
Can be seen in Orion
Without telescope

Nancy Chambers
Better Poerty 2

Writing a poem a day
Pure doggerel all the way
Great poem; what are my chances
Odds in my favor, so one advances

Nancy Chambers
Better Poetry

I'd write better poetry if I only knew how
Words to make readers stand up and say WOW
But doggerel is all I write for now
So shut up sit down and don't take a bow

Nancy Chambers
Better Poetry 1

I'd like to write words
so sharp and so clever
But being a great poet
Well probably never

Nancy Chambers
Birdwatching Morn

Start the morning, leisurely
Wondering what bird will visit me
While I am having my cup of coffee
Which winged friend will feed
Upon the suet and sunflower seed
It is such a delight
Seeing which bird will alight
Or to hear a Carolina Wren trilling
And a woodpecker in a tree drilling
Oh how thrilling!
Now there is a Chickadee, Dee, Dee
Sailing in from a lofty tree
Sparrows and finches are as common
As the Harbinger of Spring, Robin
Sometimes on the a day  fair
A Red breasted Nuthatch is there
Smaller than a tiny Sparrow
With head, black and white striped, narrow
Wearing a patriotic coat of Red, White and Blue
Birds of with these colors are few
Sites like these are enough reason,
To watch birds in every season.

Nancy Chambers
Birthday Poem For Granddaughter Jen

What will you do
Now that you are turning twenty-two?
Sit and wait for good news to come to you?
You can’t change your past even if you try
Or no matter how hard you cry
The past is gone
It is time to move on
I could give you many a platitude
To try to change your attitude
But you don’t have to wait
To change your life in 08
The news is surprising
There is new dawn is a-rising
It is up to you to decide
If you want your talents misapplied
Only you can throw your life away
And let it fall into decay
The rest of your life, will you let others steal?
Or will you use your poems to help you heal?
So from now on it is up to you
Now that you are turning twenty-two

Nancy Chambers
Butterfly

What a beautiful sunny day!
I want to fly away and play
There's a butterfly that looks just like me
Copying my every move, exactly
Fluttering up and fluttering down
As we fly around and around.
Come let's fly towards the sun
Wait! Why am I the only one?
I don't understand at all
We had so much fun at the gazing ball.

Nancy Chambers
Cardinal 2

C Could it be
A A communique?
R Red Bird
D Donning a crested head
I Its appearance
N Near your home
A An angelic word
L Love note from God

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Cassiopeia
Cassiopeia
Shining bright constellation
Gracing northern sky

Nancy Chambers
Cold

Bitter cold days Brrrrr
Record low temperatures
Some below zero

Where is Al Gore now
With his global warming speeches
And Nobel Peace Prize?

Could it be Fake News
About manmade climate change?
God makes the weather

Solar Minimum
All things come from God
He is in control

Nancy Chambers
Dandelion

Oh the humble Dandelion
Its appearance sets homeowners cryin'
Harbingers of Spring
Mixed blessings they bring
Little dots of sunshine
Whose petals make fine wine
Toothy green leaves in a salad
So many uses
Someone should write a ballad
And what about the puffball?
Heeding nature's call
Reseeding urban sprawl
Keep your roses and purple virgin's bower
Dandelion is my favorite flower

Nancy Chambers
Day Trip 1

Woke up this morning
Where shall we go? What shall we do?
Let’s go to Fortescue!
Have a day of fun in the sun
Give the dogs a good run
Should cut the grass
More fun to collect sea glass
The day was exciting
In spite of green heads biting
While the RE market doses
We’ll take time to “smell the roses”

Nancy Chambers
Day Trip 2

On the 12th of July
Thought we’d give the beach a try
The weather was not hot just nice & warm
Wanted to collect sea glass after the storm
There was a pleasant sea breeze
But the biting greenheads did not please
Found a turtle to rescue
And so ended our day at Fortescue

Nancy Chambers
Days Of Purple Haze

In the month of April they arrive
Across fields they glide and dive
Thousands of insects they devour
Day after day, hour after hour
To and fro in the sky, they soar in hoards
They nest in communal houses and gourds
Their young they hatch and raise
All summer long they hunt under the sun’s blaze
Farmers best friends
Till the growing season ends
In August, millions gather from all the east coast
NJ’s Maurice River marsh is their host
At sunset birders come to see the sight
Of millions of swallows on homeward flight
Now overhead across the evening sky
We watch the birds and say Good Bye
Their long journey south they are startin’
Such is the life of the Purple Martin

Nancy Chambers
Debt

Mad Men tell us
We need the latest and greatest, newest and shiniest
Gotta have it
Buy now, pay as you go
So we buy what we don't need or want
With money we don't have
Then we work and work to pay for what we didn't need or want
With money we didn't have
Did it make our lives better or happier?
Now we wonder why we are so tired?
Why we have no time?
Why we are not happy with the things we didn't need or want
with the money we didn't have
The Mad Men lied
We bought the lie
The things we didn't want or need that we bought
with the money we didn't have
Now own us
Debt is the new slavery!

Nancy Chambers
Different

Outsider, Misfit
Square peg, round hole; didn’t fit
Used to try
In time gone by
Didn’t work
Felt like a jerk
Why did I care
If I was a square?
Now I know
Round is zero!

Nancy Chambers
Fall

Autumn is Fall
In Autumn leaves fall
Fall, Fall, Fall
Till it isn’t Fall, at all

Nancy Chambers
Fall Ball

In the season of Fall
Mother Nature gave a Ball
Invited all the trees
That swayed gently in Summer's breeze
The Oaks dressed in golden yellow
The Aspens wore orange mellow
The Maples wouldn't be out done
So they came arrayed in crimson
The Autumn Wind played the tune
As they frolicked under the Harvest Moon
Until Jack Frost said it must end soon.
In glorious splendor they did dance
Sadly November was their last chance
One final brilliant display
Before the Winter snows lay.

Nancy Chambers
Fall Trivia

Red and Gold leaves
Bringing in the sheaves
Misty mornings
Frost warnings
Leaf raking
Apple pies baking
Garden scarecrows
Longer shadows
Harvest Moon
Fallen leaves strewn
Autumn time comes
Multi colored Mums
Warm apple cider
Golden Harvest spider
“Wooly Bears” creeping
Gain an extra hour sleeping
Crystal blue skies
Yum! Pumpkin Pies
Cranberry Harvest
Harlequin Forests
Thank God for all
Why I love Fall.

Nancy Chambers
February

Daffodils are breaking ground
Birds are singing.
I love that sound
Days are longer now
There's a farmer at his plow
The temps are going higher and higher
Is that groundhog a blatant liar?
Old Man Winter tries to hang on
In a couple of weeks he'll be gone
Winter gives one last blast
But Spring's on the way and it won't last

Nancy Chambers
Firefly Dance

One summer’s night, on the way home  
Tired and sleepy our thoughts did roam  
It was purely by chance  
We got to witness a Firefly Dance  
The field was all filled with the twinkling light  
Of a thousand lightning bugs in flight  
The meadow was aglow  
With this fairy-tale show  
We could not stop gazing  
At this panorama so amazing  
So on the following night,  
We returned to view the same sight.  
To visit this scene of magic  
Who would believe it would be tragic.  
The field was mowed and plowed under  
Destroying that pageant of wonder  
But I’m glad we had one chance  
To see fireflies dance!

Nancy Chambers
Getting Old

I was never told
How much things change
When we get old
Hair turns gray
Teeth decay
No longer trim
Eyes grow dim
Aches appear
Fallings a fear
Can't always hear
Still gotta give life all you've got
Cause who wants to die from
Rocking chair rot

Nancy Chambers
Golden Eyes

In my garden, under the starlight
On a hot hazy summer night
Listening to the pond’s waterfall
I can hear a nightingale call
I know things are out there
I can sense their stare
I can feel
Eyes of steel
Looking at me
Where can they be?
Flashlight on the pond shown
Their cover is blown
Eyes that reflect light
Shining golden bright
At water level’s height
Three frogs in the water
Waiting for insects to slaughter
Soon there will be violence
Passing bugs they will silence
Fascinating site
My garden at night
Under the starlight!

Nancy Chambers
Gone

Where, oh where are my goldfish?
They couldn't suddenly vanish
Did something take them in the night?
Did they put up a fight?
Or did they become frog hash?
Were they eaten with panache?
Either way they are gone
Only their memory lingers on
But maybe, just maybe
They left behind spawn!

Nancy Chambers
Good-Bye To Summer

Now it is September
A great vacation to remember
Time went really fast
Too bad it could not last
The beach is so quiet
All summer long it was a riot
Hot humid weather
Now we need a sweater
Autumn is coming
No more humming birds 'humming'
Falling leaves are mounting
No need to be pouting
Days to next summer we are counting

Nancy Chambers
Grief 1 Wander Haiku

Wander thru my days
In a total brain fog haze
When will hurting end?

Nancy Chambers
Grief 10 Cry Cry

Cry (1)
Cry (1)
Crying (2)
Pain throughout (3)
My body and soul (5)
Day and night this ache never ends (8)
How do I go on without my beloved son with me? (13)

Nancy Chambers
Grief 11 Today

What day is today?
It really doesn't matter
Only pain exists

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Grief 12 Death Cuts

I miss him so much
His death now cuts like a knife
He's gone forever

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It just isn't fair!
Why did YOU call him There?
Should I dial a prayer?
With whom do I share?
Does anybody even care
that I am in such despair
now that Mark is nowhere?

Nancy Chambers
Grief 14 Grandkids

Grandkids are orphans
Pain will be part of our lives
Now and forever

Nancy Chambers
Grief 15 Ambushed

Grief ambushes you
One minute you are OK then
You can't stop crying

Nancy Chambers
Grief 16 Foreign Land

Grief is a foreign land
Wonder around aimlessly
Searching for comfort

Nancy Chambers
Grief 17 World Turning

World goes on turning
Never noticing my pain
Ignoring my grief

Nancy Chambers
Grief 18 Cry Why

Cry Cry Cry
Why did he have to die
Trouble moving on
My son is gone
Why Why Why

Nancy Chambers
Grief 19 Move On

Time to move on? But
My broken heart is still here
Well maybe next year

Nancy Chambers
Grief 2 Monster Verse

Grief is a monster
It eats you alive
For breakfast, for lunch, for dinner
Devours everything in its path
Creates a wound that will not heal
And even when a scab forms
It rips it off with the slightest touch
Then bleeding begins all over again

Nancy Chambers
Grief 20 Emotion Haiku

Emotions run wild
My beloved son is not here
The loss is too great

Nancy Chambers
Grief 21 Brain Clog

My brain is clogged with grief
Stealing my thoughts like a thief
I walk around numb
The loss is so hard to overcome

Nancy Chambers
Grief 22 Hole In Heart

The hole in my heart
Will never heal from loss
And still life goes on

Nancy Chambers
Grief 23 Tired Of Crying

Tired of crying at bedtime
Tired of crying when I wake up
Where is God?
Why doesn't He comfort me?
Tired of praying
Tired of asking for help
Might as well be dead
Where is God?

Nancy Chambers
Grief 24 Loss Of Appetite

Loss of appetite
Sleepless nights grief filled days
Endless waves of pain

Nancy Chambers
Grief 25 Leper

I am a leper
Or I might as well be one
Since loss of my son

Nancy Chambers
Grief 26 Monster

Grief is a monster
can't outrun or escape it
It eats you alive

Nancy Chambers
Grief 27 Mourn

Mark is gone
Overnight
Utter despair
Robbed of happiness
Now and forever

Nancy Chambers
Grief 28 Haiku Fixer

He could fix anything
Why did he leave broken hearts
That he could not fix?

Nancy Chambers
Grief 28 Prison Haiku

Grief is a prison
Impossible to escape
Can't unlock the gate

Nancy Chambers
Grief 29 Something Went Wrong

Not supposed to die
He was expected to live
Then something went wrong

Nancy Chambers
Grief 3 Ground Hog Day Haiku

Another "groundhog day"
Pain that lasts, won't go away
Death is permanent

Nancy Chambers
Grief 30 Vapor Haiku

Not supposed to die
He was expected to live
Then something went wrong

Nancy Chambers
Grief 31 Chains Haiku

Grief has me in chains
How do I break them apart?
Is there no release?

Nancy Chambers
Grief 31 Robbed Haiku

Robbed of happiness
My life has changed overnight
Mourn till the day I die

Nancy Chambers
Grief 32 No Sunshine Haiku

The loss is too great
No sunshine only darkness
Now and forever

Nancy Chambers
Grief 33 Comfort

Comfort eludes me
Always something reminds me
Then the crying starts

Nancy Chambers
Grief 34 Again

Here it comes again
Just when I thought I was free
Crying that won't stop

Nancy Chambers
Grief 35 Acrostic

G God where are you?
R Recent death
I Inflicting such hurt
E Everlasting pain
F From now on

Nancy Chambers
Grief 36 Do You Care

God are you there?  
Do you care?  
Pain is everywhere  
More than I can bear

Nancy Chambers
Grief 37 River Acrostic

G Grief is a river
R Ripples of despair
I Impossible to stop
E Ever
F Flowing

Nancy Chambers
Grief 39 Runny Nose Haiku

Runny nose, red eyes
Daily part of my life now
Crying all the time

Nancy Chambers
Grief 4 Vengeance Haiku

Comes with a vengeance
Just when you think it is gone
Pain begins again

Nancy Chambers
Grief 40 Ocean Acrostic

G Grief is an ocean
R Roaring tides of pain
I Inundating your soul
E Enough to destroy
F Former happiness

Nancy Chambers
Grief 41 Bear

Grief is a bear
Hibernating in the recesses of your mind
Emerging when its hungry
To fill its stomach again

Nancy Chambers
Grief 42 Nowhere

Grief springs from nowhere
One minute you are fine the next minute its there
Then the pain and sorrow begins again
Dear God when will this end?

Nancy Chambers
Grief 43 How Long

How long will this last?
God says Joy comes in the morning
Waiting and trusting

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Grief—Burning mountain
Erupts like Krakatoa
Sends fire thru body

Nancy Chambers
Grief 45 Raw

Raw emotional pain
A faith of desperation
Crying out to God

Nancy Chambers
Grief 46 Wilderness

Grief's a wilderness
Barren land you wander thru
Searching fo gladness

Nancy Chambers
Grief 47 Sinuses

Sinuses on fire
And red puffy swollen eyes
Crying all the time

Nancy Chambers
Grief 48 Nightmare

Seems like a nightmare
From which I will awaken soon
But its reality

Nancy Chambers
Grief 48 Volcano

G-Grief is a volcano
R-Raging just below the surface
I-Immolating your happiness
E-Erupting without notice
F-Flowing rivers of pain

Nancy Chambers
Grief 49 Darkness

Season of darkness
While rest of world welcomes Spring
Will this never end?

Nancy Chambers
Grief 5 Kicks Haiku

Grief smashes you down
Then kicks you in your gut, and
Pounds you black and blue

Nancy Chambers
Grief 50 No Miracle

Prayers for healing
But why no miracles—Why?
Sometimes God says NO!

Nancy Chambers
Grief 51 No Answer

Another sleepless night
Lying in my bed crying
Without an answer

Nancy Chambers
Grief 52 Gone

Now that a part of me is gone
I remember that with each dawn
No wonder I'm so withdrawn
And feeling so woebegone
Making it's so hard to move on

Nancy Chambers
Grief 53 Another Day

It is another day
Always with pain and sorrow
That is forever here

Nancy Chambers
Grief 54 Remember

Sometimes I can smile
As I remember my son
But pain never ends

Nancy Chambers
Grief 55 Rain

Rain
Rain
Raining
Outdoors and
Bleakness and darkness together
In my life each day from this day thru eternity

Nancy Chambers
Grief 56 Darkness

Season of darkness
While the world welcomes Spring
Will pain never end

Nancy Chambers
Grief 57 Life Changes In A Minute

How life changes in a minute
Total happiness
The tragedy hit
Bringing darkness with it
And with each dawn sadness
Stealing total happiness

Nancy Chambers
Grief 58 Constant Reminder

 Darkness everyday
 Sunshine can't take it away
 Always remembering death
 Constant reminders with each breath
 Thinking from dust to dawn
 Finding it so hard to go on
 Why did God take my son

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Grief 59 Useless

No appetite
Can't sleep at night
Sit in house and mope
Wander around without hope
Getting up takes great effort
All that exists is hurt

Nancy Chambers
Grief 6 Questioning God

Aortic Aneurysms are words I learned to spell
Dangerous operation but all went well
We thanked God with praise and song
But then something went horribly wrong
They removed his intestines, the Doctors tried
Blot clot in his bowels is how he died
Now it's hard to thank God with praise and song
When you are grieving the whole day long
All we can do is cry and cry
God answers prayers
But He never answers why

Nancy Chambers
Grief 60 Miss Him

Every day I cry and cry
I ask God why, why
I miss him so much
I will mourn till the day I die

Nancy Chambers
Grief 61 Crying Again

The pain starts again
Crying comes out of nowhere
Unable to stop*

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Grief 62 No Relief

Grief
No Relief
Happiness thief
Challenges belief

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Grief 62 Oblivion

Oblivious to surroundings
Wander around in a daze
Lost all initiative
Can barely function
Is there no way out of this quagmire?
Oh Lord please return me to the land of the living
A world where I can
Taste food
Feel the sun’s warmth
Hear birds singing
See colors
Smell the flowers
Find joy
And smile again

Nancy Chambers
Grief 63 Woebegone

I wake each dawn
My son is gone
Hard to move on
I'm so woebegone

Nancy Chambers
Grief 64 Muddle

Muddle thru each day
Operating in a fog
Constantly hurting

Nancy Chambers
Grief 65 Mother's Day

To cheer me for Mother's Day
He gave me a beautiful hanging bouquet
To try to chase my blues away
Purple Lobelia flowers
One of his many kind gestures
But only slightly eases the pain
In my heart there will always be rain
Because I'll never see my son again

Nancy Chambers
Grief 67 Memory

My eyes fill with tears
Whenever I remember
Memory of him

Nancy Chambers
Grief 68 Pain

All I feel is pain
Is there any comfort now?
Where is God's answer?

Nancy Chambers
Grief 69 Rainbow

I am a rainbow
Red with anger and fire
Orange with happiness
Yellow with warmth and sunshine
Green with growth and hope
Blue with sadness and peace
Purple with passion and pain
Indigo with despair and darkness
Rainbow: God's covenant not to destroy
With overwhelming flood of death
I am a rainbow

Nancy Chambers
Grief 7 Bereavement

Bitter tears
Everything has changed
Restless nights
Even longer days
Always before you
Varying degrees of pain
Everlasting loss
Meaningless existence
Ennui
Nothing matters
Total despair

Nancy Chambers
Grief 70 All I Feel Is Pain

I'm haunted by depression and despair
2 sisters, always there
A rotten pair
Caught in their snare
To remind me of pain I just can't bear
Oh God do you even care
And You are where?

Nancy Chambers
Grief 71 Crying

I can't stop crying
I'm surrounded with sadness
Pain won't go away

Nancy Chambers
Grief 72 Leave Me

Just leave me alone
Don't say you know how I feel
I need time to grieve

Nancy Chambers
Grief 73 Words

Words can't bring comfort
Friends mean well but say wrong things
Only causing more pain

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Unbearable grief
Only those who've lost a child
Know this kind of pain

Nancy Chambers
Grief 75 Life Changes

Life changes in an instant
One minute you are happy
Then tragedy strikes
And eternal pain enters your life
Everyday becomes a struggle to go on
But the grief is forever

Nancy Chambers
Grief 76 Unbearable

Pain unbearable
I want to curl up and die
God never tells why

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Grief 77 Another Day

Another day passes
Forever starts without Mark
Sadness lingers on

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Grief 78 Miss Him

I miss Mark so much
Hardest thing I've ever faced
This eternal loss

Nancy Chambers
Six months since Mark died
And all I feel is pain
The Bible says God comforts those who mourn (Isaiah 61: 3)
But all I feel is pain
Tears last for a night but joy comes in the morning (Psalm 30: 5)
But all I feel is pain
God gives rest to the weary and joy to the sorrowing (Jeremiah 31: 25)
But all I feel is pain
Why do I suffer and my wound is incurable (Jeremiah 15: 18)
And all I feel is pain
I am overwhelmed with pain (Jeremiah 45: 3)
I am exhausted and crushed (Psalm 38: 8)
God promises sorrow and mourning will disappear and I will be filled with joy
(Isaiah: 35: 10 & 51: 10)
I am depending on God's promises
But for now all I feel is pain

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Grief 8 My Journey Thru Hell

When will this end
My journey thru Hell?
God's on His throne
But all is not well
Cry to Him night and day
But no comfort comes
Is God away?
Hoping for a time
When I can sing
Praises to God
Death where's your sting?
When that will be
Only time can tell
So I continue
On my journey thru Hell

Nancy Chambers
Grief 80 Haunted And Despair

I'm haunted by depression and despair
2 sisters, always there
A rotten pair
Caught in their snare
To remind me of pain I just can't bear
Oh God do you even care
And You are where?

Nancy Chambers
Grief 82 Grim Reaper

When Grim Reaper comes
Happiness evaporates
Loss and pain begin

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Grief 83 Torture

Smiling is torture
Laughter is non existent
When Death comes calling

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Grief 84 Cry & Why

All I do is cry
Why did Mark have to die?
Please Lord tell me why

Nancy Chambers
Grief 85 4am

Sat and wrote poems
Till wee hours of 4 AM
Grief purloins sleep

Nancy Chambers
Grief 86 No Way Out

Is there no way out?
I want happiness again
Lord will you guide me?

Nancy Chambers
Grief 87 Mourn All The Time

Mourn in the morning
Days of being in a daze
Grief all thru the night

Nancy Chambers
Grief 9 Grief And Pain

Grief (1)
Pain (1)
Sorrow (2)
Bereavement (3)
Gotta push thru it (5)
Only with the help of the Lord (8)
Dear God I pray please bring healing to my heart and soul (13)

Nancy Chambers
Groundhog Day

February 2nd, a rodent’s inane holiday
To predict whether Spring is near or far away
Rooted in Candlemas tradition
The groundhog was a later addition
“For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day
* “So far will the snow swirl until May”
People flock to Gobbler’s Knob
To see the marmot do his job
A woodchuck named Punxsutawny Phil
Sees his shadow and we get a bitter pill
Six weeks of winter, still
But if he sees skies cloudy and gray
Spring is only 42 days away.

* quoted from a German couplet; author unknown

Nancy Chambers
Haiku Astronomy

A: Historical Tribute

Johannes Kepler wrote
His “Ode to the Telescope”
For Galileo

B: Historical Event

1883
Krakatoa erupted
Moon appeared blue

C: Lunar Event

2018
February will have no
moon, known as Black Moon

Nancy Chambers
Haiku Biker Motorcycle

Vroom, Vroom, Vroom noisy
pipes save lives! We're told. Parents
pray that it is true

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Haiku Bird

Singing in a tree
Building a nest for babies
Pretty little Wren

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Haiku Bug

Night buzzing bug sounds
Cacophony to some, but
Euphony to me

Nancy Chambers
Haiku Dinosaur

Hadrosaurus bones
Found in Haddonfield, proved
Dinosaurs were real

Nancy Chambers
Haiku Humming Bird

Ode to Humming Bird
Hovering and lightning fast
Blink and you are gone

Nancy Chambers
Haiku Moon 2

Silver circle orb
Shining bright in month of May
Corn Moon, time to plant

Nancy Chambers
Haiku: 2008 Full Moon Calendar

Full Moon calendar
Written by a stargazing
“lunatic” poet

Wind blows and wolves howl
Beneath the hoary Ice Moon
In January

Frigid winter days
Snow Moon in February
may bring heavy storms

When Sap Moon appears
Crows begin to fly and caw
March is the month

Pink Moon in April
Harbinger of rosy blooms
The Earth welcomes Spring

Silver circle orb
Shining it month of May
Corn Moon, time to plant

On June Eighteenth
Time of the month for Full Moon
The Strawberry Moon!

Astronomical
Totally phenomenal
Buck Moon in July

Good time to catch fish
In hot and humid weather
Under Sturgeon Moon

Warm September days
The air is clear without haze
Night’s Harvest Moon ablaze
Cool October night
Shining silver in the sky
Gibbous Hunter’s Moon

Jack Frost comes calling
November’s leaves turn golden
Chilly nights; Beaver Moon

Daylight is shorter
December nights are longer
Under the Cold Moon

This December, there
Are two full moons. Second one
called the Blue Moon

Nancy Chambers
Haiku: Poem Writing

Now, Nancy Chambers
Enjoys writing poetry
More than selling homes

Nancy Chambers
Haiku: Real Estate 1

An oxymoron:
A good day in real estate.
There is no such thing!

Nancy Chambers
Haiku: Real Estate 2

Real Estate career
Always have to sell, sell, sell
Like being in Hell

Nancy Chambers
Haiku: Real Estate 3

Disconcerting sight
Foreclosed homes creating blight
Buy now! Price is right!

Nancy Chambers
Haiku: Snow

Forecast: Winter Storm
Shovel handy, boots by door,
Let It Snow, Snow, Snow

Snowed all day long
Winter Season has begun,
The land is turned white

Snow came silently
Fell all day, turned Earth to a
Winter Wonderland

While waiting for Spring
Snow transformed the land to
a white fantasy

Snow came in the night
Turned the whole world white
A cold wintry site

The Blizzard Wizard
Waved His wand, crystal stardust fell
And ice fairies danced

Snow falling today
Creative juices flowing
Writer’s Block is gone

Nancy Chambers
Haiku: Walter Baker's 100th Birthday

Congratulations!
June 13, 2008
One Hundred years old!

Nancy Chambers
Haiku: Weather 1

Mt Krakatoa
erupts spews volcanic ash
alters world’s weather

Nancy Chambers
Haiku: Weather 2

1933
Dust bowl in US mid west
Disaster on farms

Nancy Chambers
Haiku: Weather 3

Blizzards and Heat Waves
Is Global Warming real or
Political bull?

Nancy Chambers
Happy New Year

Good Bye to the year’s end
What will this one send?
Did you make resolutions?
To give your problems solutions.
An opportunity not to underrate
Psychological chance to clear the slate,
Don’t delay or wait.
Begin now, restart the clock
Tempus fugit, Tick Tock!

Nancy Chambers
Hope

Stock market and housing blues
TV anchors blare bad news
Investor woes from financial gurus
On and on the broadcasters drone
However God is still on His throne
Each morning the sun will rise
Daily blessings come often in disguise
The American Flag is still flying
With medical discoveries less are dying
No one has a reason to mope
The mercies of the Lord are new each morning,
Therefore I have hope*
*based on Lamentations 3: 21-23

Nancy Chambers
Horseshoe Crab Lament

From ages of antiquity  
My strange looks a mystery  
I come in the month of May  
To the shores of the Delaware Bay  
To spawn with eggs to lay.  
Anglers, on my back they turn  
Leaving me in the sun to burn.  
If I had a voice I'd scream and wail  
When they flip me by my tail.  
But in silent death throes I lie  
On the beach to slowly die.  
Why are anglers so horribly cruel  
Release or eat should be the rule  
For millions of years I did thrive  
But with acts like these will I survive?  
For next Spring to again arrive?

Nancy Chambers
In The Name Of Progress

What a pleasant way to begin a day
Walking my dogs thru this patch of woods
The last remaining green oasis in the asphalt jungle.
Birds sing, chipmunks scurry
Groundhogs burrow and deer pass.

Then they arrived with a sound like thunder
Orange and yellow “monsters”
Leveling the trees and scraping the ground bare
Making way for another vacant office building in want of a tenant

In the name of progress

It only took minutes
The trees were gone
The ground lay barren

Distressed catbirds circled and cried
As the giant shredder devoured the fallen trees that housed their nest
Cry birds Cry
Your nest is destroyed, your babies are gone

In the name of progress

Run chipmunks Run
Your home is no more

In the name of progress

Bye deer and groundhogs  Bye
There is no place for you

In the name of progress

In less than a day Paradise lost

In the name of progress

Oh! How our lives have been enriched!
In the name of progress

Nancy Chambers
January Treat

The mid January day began clear and bright
To the Delaware Bay we took our flight
Down to the shores of Fortescue
With it’s sky and sea of sparkling crystal blue
Walked on the beach, brisk and cold
Collected sea glass, tumbled and rolled
In the air seagulls cry
How fast the time passed by
Left for home before fast falling night
A Blue Heron took it’s homeward flight
The day ended with a surprise
Hundreds of Robins flew before our eyes
In a field they began to sing
“We just arrived to welcome Spring! “

Nancy Chambers
Kentucky Derby

Kentucky Derby
May's 1st weekend—Giddy-up
Run for the Roses

Nancy Chambers
King Tut Exhibit

Yesterday with a prayer
We went to see King Tut who wasn’t there
He wasn’t there again today
Back in Egypt he does lay
Moving him would cause decay
Had lunch and fun anyway
With Andy, Justin and Anna Mae

Nancy Chambers
Lazy Summer Day

Sitting in the yard the 1st of July 07
The sweetest place this side of Heaven
A perfect day and the living is easy
75° bright & breezy
Wind chimes are ringing
In a tree a wren is singing
Over the pond a dragonfly in flight
A hummingbird feeding is quite a sight
The first day for Jersey corn
Picked fresh this very morn
Summer is filled with sights and sounds
That won’t be here when cold and snow abounds
This season isn’t here to stay
But should be enjoyed every day
Who needs a vacation with noise and clamor
I’d rather spend time with Nature’s glamour

Nancy Chambers
Life

Supposed to be a carefree morning
But the without warning
The carefree began unraveling
Couldn't get things done without hassling
Then had to go traveling

Nancy Chambers
Life In Paradise: 21st Century Style

2000-2001
The "dot com" bubble bursts
Recession
9/11/2001
America attacked!
Our way of life is threatened
Fear sets in
Financial institutions vulnerable!
Economy in a nose dive
What to do?
Everybody fly the flag from your home.
Save housing - Save the economy!
First, everybody needs a home.
The madness begins.
2002-2003
Create laws to increase minority homeownership
California gives birth to the ARMs* and NINJA** loans
Accounting irregularities at Fannie Mae (FNMA) & Freddie Mac (FDMAC)
***
Doors open for Wall Street to invest in Main Street
Without those pesky government regulations
Homeownership increases

"..."After all ever since the Great Depression, home values have ALWAYS gone up
And everybody pays their mortgage "...

WARNING! WARNING! DANGER! DANGER!

AREN"T HOME PRICES INCREASING FASTER THAN INCOME?

......"No problem; it only takes a little creative mortgage financing and Wall St
loves those high yielding mortgages.....
HIGHER RISK - HIGHER YIELD!
Pension funds love high yield.
Buy more and more....
......"After all ever since the Great Depression, home values have ALWAYS gone up
And everybody pays their mortgage .....
WARNING! WARNING! DANGER! DANGER!

AREN”T PENSION FUNDS ONLY ALLOWED TO BUY AAA RATED INVESTMENTS?

...”Problem solved...banks pay the salaries at the Rating Agencies and Ratings Agencies in turn lower the standards to obtain a AAA rating”...

WARNING! WARNING! DANGER! DANGER!

WHO’S WATCHING THE “HEN HOUSE” WHO’S MINDING THE STORE?

...“Who cares?
Everyone is happy
Millions of new jobs created
Millions of new homeowners
Millions of dollars for bankers
Millions of dollars for Wall St
And everyone owns a home on Main St
Money is flowing
Everyone wins! ”...

WARNING! WARNING! DANGER! DANGER!

AREN”T HOMES BECOMING LESS AFFORDABLE?

2004 -2005
...“Pressure Government to create more creative loans and even lower down payments with even higher yields and make more bucks”...

A new mortgage is born, Euphemism: THE PAY OPTION NEGATIVE AM ARM Loan

...Easy to sell... You chose your own payment! You chose your interest rate! ...

WILL WALL ST BUY THESE LOANS?

...."You bet! Wall St loves these high yield mortgages. They package these loans as CDOs***** and sell them to Pension Funds, Municipalities, Foreign Governments etc
Spread the risk - Harvest the yield! ...

Now Fannie Mae & Freddie Mac want back in on the action
"After all ever since the Great Depression, home values have ALWAYS gone up
And everybody pays their mortgage"
Everyone wins! ...

The country is now infected with AFLUENZA

"We need even more mortgages. Pressure Government to lower credit qualifications, raise borrowing limits, allow less equity positions. Let homeowners use their homes as ATMs+++"...

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WHERE IS THE SEC? WHERE IS THE FED? *****

"Banks will police themselves" says the SEC
"Homeownership is up.
The Standard of Living is up
It is good" says the Fed...
"After all ever since the Great Depression, home values have ALWAYS gone up
And everybody pays their mortgage"...

CAN THIS LAST? WON’T HOMES PRICES HAVE TO COME DOWN OR INCOMES GO UP? .

2006 – 2007
Prices too high.
Average home unaffordable
Fewer home buyers.
Prices sinking
ARM’s resetting
Sub prime borrowers defaulting
Ninja loans failing.
Banks taking in less
Fewer dollars to lend
Layoffs beginning
Homes over-mortgaged
Appraising for much less
Equity gone
No equity - No sale

The downward spiral begins
Existing incomes static
Mortgage payments climbing
Homes losing value
Appraising lower
Jobs being lost
Unemployment rising
Banks failing
Wall St collapsing
Investment yields disappearing.
No way out!

2008 –2009
Elect a new administration with a RESCUE PLAN!
....“Spend more money Acquire more debt”....

WARNING! WARNING! DANGER! DANGER!

*ARM: Adjustable Rate Mortgage,
** NINJA loan: No Income, No Job or Assets
*** FNMA & FDMAC: Federal National Mortgage Corporation & Federal Home
Loan Mortgage Corporation
**** CDO Collateral Debt Obligations
****** SEC: Securities & Exchange Commission & Federal Reserve System
+++ATM: Automated Teller Machine

Nancy Chambers
Maps

(1) Maps
(1) Especially
(2) Older ones
(3) Fascinated by them
(5) Wonder who used those roads
(8) Taking me places that I can't ever visit
(13) Remnants of past lives, ancient cities, former routes lost in time long ago

Nancy Chambers
March Acrostic

M Much longer days
A Awakening buds
R Robins singing
C Cold subsiding
H Hooray It's Spring

Nancy Chambers
Memorial Day

Let's celebrate Memorial Day
Last weekend in May
Remembering soldiers who gave their lives away
So we'd have the freedom to play
In the good old US of A

Nancy Chambers
My Career

How can I describe my Real Estate career?
Abandon all hope ye who enter here!
Even though Real Estate is my employ
For it, I have no passion and not much joy.
This vocation has made me smart
But for this business, I have no heart
Every day is a daily grind
Buyers and Sellers, I have to find
Real Estate takes almost all my time
Almost sell your soul just to make a dime.
The pain never ends
Being daily betrayed by so called friends.
Some days this job feels like being in Hell!
Sell Sell Sell Sell Sell!
When asked about starting a real estate career and plan
I say “Run! Get out while you still can”
For forty years my life has been such..
Methinks the lady doth protest too much.
—Nancy Chambers

Nancy Chambers
My House

My house will someday be a teardown or a flip
Owned by people much more hip
But I don't mind if is outdated or old
Peeling paint is nothing to behold
But it's a place all have been happy
And good for one's psyche

Nancy Chambers
William F Buckley Jr died on Wednesday
With his quietus many conservative ideas passed away
The world was sad to see him go
Late in life of him I came to know.
A brilliant mind
One of a kind!
Wrote spy thrillers as though he were a liberal
Based on historical facts and nothing trivial
Never got to watch “Firing Line”
With his views of the conservative paradigm
Thank God he wrote many a book
Giving liberals opportunity to take a second look
Wish there was more time to hear
About the standards he made so clear.
Sorry that his voice is gone
But his conservative legacy will live on.

Nancy Chambers
Mystery Of The Three

(1) Lord
(1) God
(2) Holy
(3) Almighty
(5) Angels praise all day
(8) God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit
(13) 3 Patriarchs 3 Festivals and 3 Temptations
(21) 3 years ministry, Christ rose on 3rd day, God the 3 in 1, Mystery of the 3

Nancy Chambers
Nj's Pinelands

Dwarf-ed pigmy pines
White sugar sand, tea-colored streams
Love NJ's Pinelands

Nancy Chambers
Ode To A Day At The Lake

Late to wake up
Wear no make-up
Cool breezes
Do as one pleases
On a whim
Go for a swim
Walk on the beaches
Yum! eat fresh peaches
Watch the sun set
All cares forget
As shadows creep
Time to sleep deep

Nancy Chambers
Ode To A Swallowtail

Plant parsley and Dill in Spring
Watch daily for eggs and Stripleys they bring
So small at first
But they chomp and munch
Till they almost burst
Then off to the chrysalis they spin
Changing, rearranging, emerging
As Swallowtails
That take to the wind.

Nancy Chambers
Ode To Fortescue Beach

Fortescue, Fortescue
With your sea and sky of blue
Displayed in various hue
Unspoiled marshes sprawl in quiet splendor
Zephyrs sway cattails, tall and slender
Often in the bay a distant thunder
Beaches reveal many a wonder
Horseshoe crabs, goldenrod and sea grass
Oyster shells, driftwood and beach glass
Capital of Weakfishes
Fulfilling lucky angler’s wishes
Your tides crest and your tides fall
Visitors behold the beauty of it all
Your secret’s known to only a few
Fortescue, Fortescue.

Nancy Chambers
Pineland Frogs

Beautiful Music
Pinelands echo with frog songs
Thruout vernal pools

Nancy Chambers
Plight Of The Red Knot Bird

Soon it will be early Spring
Primeval stirrings urge me to take wing
On a 10,000 mile journey I must fly
To South America I bid good bye
I fly North, day after day
Till I reach the shores of the Delaware Bay
Now my strength is all gone
I can no longer fly on and on.
During the next weeks I need to feast
On the eggs of the horseshoe crab beast
I must be among the first to arrive
To eat enough eggs so I can survive
Then I’ll fly to the Arctic to breed
Built up with the food I need
There are less eggs than there used to be
Horseshoe crabs are taken by commercial fishery
I must amass weight on this spot
Without these eggs the Red Knot
Is not!

Nancy Chambers
Political 1 Pro Life

New Abortion Law
More baby killers now
Cheered on by the Left

Nancy Chambers
Political 10 Adoption

Better solution
Adoption not abortion
Wrong to kill babies

Nancy Chambers
Political 11 Infanticide

Infanticide practiced
Wrong increases
"You shall not kill"
God's word ignored
Society decays
The end is coming

Nancy Chambers
Political 12 Pelosi 1

Nancy Pelosi
Pimple on an elephant
Small irritation

Nancy Chambers
Political 13 Pelosi 2

Nancy Pelosi
Enjoy 15 minutes fame
Then you will be gone

Nancy Chambers
Political 14 Pelosi 3

Nancy Pelosi
Fading to obscurity
Good Riddance to you.

Nancy Chambers
Political 15 Baby Killings

How can a Christian
Support the baby killings?
What God do they serve?

Nancy Chambers
Political 16 Abortion Acrostic

A Act of violence
B babies killed
O Only for selfish reasons
R Rejection of God
T Terrible consequences
I Imminent death
O Of the baby
N No regard for life

Nancy Chambers
Political 16 Abstinence

Stop killing babies
Best birth control: abstinence
Keep your legs shut

Nancy Chambers
Poetical 17 Profit

Murder for Profit
Abortion: a euphemism
For killing babies

Nancy Chambers
Political 18 Mother Teresa

These (1)
Are (1)
Sayings (2)
Quotations (3)
Mother Teresa (5)
Says about what abortions do (8)
"Roe v Wade has deformed a great nation- America" (13)

Nancy Chambers
Political 2 Hillary Vs God

Hilary Clinton
How will you defend yourself
Before God's judgement?

Nancy Chambers
Political 3 Kakistocracy

Kakistocracy
What this nation would have been
If Hillary won

Nancy Chambers
Political 4 Loud Voices

(1) She
(1) Spoke
(2) saying
(3) "Abortion
(5) Needs to be increased"
(8) The Lord had an answer for her
(13) "I rule this world, you will never be the President"

Nancy Chambers
A:  
Conservative way  
Always right. Drill here, Drill Now!  
Prices will go down.  

B:  
What a fool believes:  
Burn corn for fuel. Liberal money making scam  

C:  
Screw the caribou  
No dependence on foreign oil. Drill in ANWAR! ©

Nancy Chambers
Political 7 About Obama

1st Black President
Barack Hussein Obama
History is made

Obamanation
But is change for good or bad?
Only time will tell.

"Absolute power
Corrupts absolutely" said
Lord Acton. BEWARE

Change, Change, Change, Hope, Hope,
Hope! Democrats Gloat, Gloat, Gloat!
Republicans mope: - ( 

A new era now
Blacks can believe and achieve
But nothing is free

Oh! 'anointed' one
Will you provide change and hope?
Or just rhetoric?

Mr President
Will our nation be grateful?
Or turn more hateful?

Will you unify?
Or cause much more division?
Questions surround you.

President of all?
Or no president at all?
We are wondering

Historical vote
Chance to bring much needed hope
Can we count on you?
It is up to you
Do nothing or do great things
Barack Obama

Nancy Chambers
Political 8 Legacy

Sages eyed
Agents spied
Danger decried
Complacent denied
Politicians lied
Patriots complied
Millions died
Loved ones cried
Futility abided
Posterity Why'd

Nancy Chambers
Political 9 Baby Killing

Liberal leftist lies
Promoting baby killing
Judgement is coming

Nancy Chambers
Political 5 President Trump

President Trump is no chump
Can't wait till he is back on the stump
To see all the Libs he will bump
If the Dems don't like it
They can Kiss my Rump

Nancy Chambers
Prejudice

She said
"This is a community where folks take care of house and lawn
We won't be happy till they are gone
At first it's just one
Then pretty soon we are over run"

They really don't bother me
I might have them for tea
She said
"Property values drop as soon as they appear
There is no place for them here"

I don't care what you say
I'm planting Dandelions anyway!

Nancy Chambers
Requiem For Dog Abigail

We found you in a dog shelter pen
All alone without a friend
The other dogs were loud and wild
You just sat like a frightened child
We brought you home with a wagging bushy tail
Decided your name would be Abigail
They said your breed was Briard
And training you would be a little hard
Though you were not always quick to obey
We still loved you anyway.
On the stairs you loved to lay
With Bart and Herky you’d run and play
Bred with an instinct to herd
Pushing dogs, cat and us occurred
We never saw you snarl or growl
You thought everyone was your pal
Your lips smiled with an upward curl
Especially when you chased a squirrel
It wasn’t your nature to be mean
You were the sweetest dog we’d ever seen
Wanting to be close, you were always under our feet
You only moved when it was time to eat
After seventeen years you began to fail
Your body became weak and frail
An hour at the vet we did spend
Always thought you’d come home again
But sadly this was the end
Good-bye, our beloved friend

Nancy Chambers
My buddy Marj has decided to retire.
I’ll miss your good thoughts and words that inspire
Never greedy for the “Almighty Buck“
Your sales were made with integrity and good luck.
Steadfast when things were going haywire
And trying to pull us into the mire
You remained up and never down
Always a smile never a frown
Speaking words euphonious
Maintaining a position harmonious
Disappointments you took in stride
Recording them in the ‘Screw Marj Book’, deep inside
Moaners and groaners you could see coming
Negative words got you humming
Long after the sales tour had flown
We often drove to parts unknown
With conversations of places to eat
Sharing recipes that can’t be beat.
Now that your job is finished
You leave with pride and enthusiasm undiminished
No more sale meetings and tours
Freedom to do as you please is yours.
I’m so sad your career is at the end
Good-bye and God bless, beloved friend.

Nancy Chambers
Song Of The Pine

Summer; hot and dry
Overhead unstable sky
Lightning! Fire! Burn!
Underbrush and fern
Scrub Oak and Pine tall
Burn, Burn, Burn all
Clouds, Thunder, Rain
New growth; Begin again
Divine Design
Song of the Pine!

Nancy Chambers
Sounds Of Pine Barrens

Pine Barrens at night
Melodious sounds were heard
Songs of the tree frogs

Nancy Chambers
Spring 1

Celebrating Spring
Squirrels and chipmunks eat seeds
Crunching and munching

Nancy Chambers
Spring 10 Thunderstorms

Thunder Boom Boom Boom
Skies open rain pours down down
Thirsty grounds drink, drink

Nancy Chambers
Spring 11 Windy March

This windy March Day
Normal early Spring weather
Clouds then gray then sun

Nancy Chambers
Spring 12 Migrating

Migrating birds come
Searching for places to build nests
Let the mating begin!

Nancy Chambers
Spring 13 Robins

Robins pulling worms
Pink flowers blossoming now
Come April showers

Nancy Chambers
Spring 14 Sunny Days

Sunny days, blue skies
Rabbits scampering about
Birds singing early

Nancy Chambers
Spring 15 Out Of Dead

Out of gray and brown
Appears green leaves and flowers
The Circle of Life

Nancy Chambers
Spring 16 Hyacinths

Hyacinths blooming
Forsythia budding now
Soon trees will be green

Nancy Chambers
Spring 17 16 Frogs

Sixteen frogs in pond
Then Rib it, Rib it, Rib it
Wonderful frog songs

Nancy Chambers
Spring 18 Daily

Sun shining
Doves cooing
Insects buzzing
Blue Jays squawking
Sparrows tweeting
While we're outdoor dining
And behind each cloud a silver lining

Nancy Chambers
Spring 19 April

A-Awakening nature
P-Pleasant days
R-Rabbits and Robins'
I-Indigo skies
L-Leaves now budding

Nancy Chambers
Spring 2

Migrating Spring birds
Flying to their summer homes
Happily singing

Nancy Chambers
Spring 20 Dive

Went to visit my frogs in the pond
Dive, Dive, Dive
Splash, Splash, Splash
As they disappear under water
Only to pop-up again
And see who is disturbing their sunbathing

Nancy Chambers
Spring 21 Coming

Spring's coming
Snow is melting
Plants are sprouting
Rabbits are frolicking
Insects are emerging
Naked trees are budding
Getting ready for Spring

Nancy Chambers
Spring 22 Catbird

While sipping coffee
This morning saw a Catbird
Happily singing

Nancy Chambers
Spring 23 The Conversation

Ah Spring
Warm morning
Coffee at pond
Conversation with frogs
Of whom I am quite fond
They number 20
Mosquitos -
I better not see any
Not a single critter
Or else its Frog Legs for dinner

Nancy Chambers
Spring 25 Frogs

Frogs in pond Glumk, Glumk
They sing all day and all night
Gulumk, Gulumk, Glumk

Nancy Chambers
Spring 3

Spring blossoms emerge
Daffodils brighten garden
Nature bursts with song

Nancy Chambers
Spring 4 A Spring Walk

One fine day
In the month of May
For a thrill
Decided to climb up Blueberry Hill
Walked all the way to the top
Huffing & puffing but didn't stop
My time was made worthwhile
As I strolled along the mile
Something that made me smile
In blooming splendor seen by me
A Lady Slipper Orchid right under a tree

Nancy Chambers
Spring 5 Rain

Rain pitter patter
Rainbow hiding in the clouds
Just waiting for sun

Nancy Chambers
Spring 6 Nourishing

Welcoming the Spring
Rain nourishes dormant lands
Plants prepare to bloom

Nancy Chambers
Spring 7 Rainy Day

Rainy Spring day
Seedlings drink up: ready to sprout
Soon to be blossoms

Nancy Chambers
Spring 70 Hummingbird

Hummingbird visits
Flies so fast; Whoosh and she's gone
Brightens my whole day

Nancy Chambers
Spring 71 Merry Month Of May

Merry month of May
May Day, May Pole, May flowers
Good times, Come what may

Nancy Chambers
Spring 72 Robins

Why do robins sing
So early in the morning?
To welcome offspring

Nancy Chambers
Spring 73 Hummingbird

Hummingbird visits
Flies so fast; Whoosh and she's gone
Brightens my whole day

Nancy Chambers
Spring 8 Spring Is Coming

S-Snow is melting
P-Plants are sprouting
R-Rabbits are frolicking
I-Insects are emerging
N-Naked trees are budding
G-Getting ready for Spring

Nancy Chambers
Spring 9 Blustery March

Blustery March days
Winter must release its grasp
As earth welcomes Spring

Nancy Chambers
Staycation

Although it had rained all night
By 9AM it was clear and bright
We did not have a care or worry
Went to ride on the Delafort Ferry
Its flag unfurled in the wind blowing
Off to Pea Patch Island, we were going
To visit the Fort Delaware
Shaped like a pentagon rather than square
Built to guard the ports at Philly and Wilmington
But never once fired a gun
Used as a Union POW camp
In any weather, it was always damp
Learned some Civil War History
Days gone by no longer a mystery
We enjoyed a very pleasant stay
Tired and happy we ended our day

Nancy Chambers
Summer Swim

The water is empty except for one
As I swim with the setting sun
Birds fly home to roost for the night
Soon the bats begin their flight
As the darkness quickly abounds
The bugs start a cacophony of sounds
Sand between my toes squishes
And I alone swim with the fishes

Nancy Chambers
Sunset

Sunset on the water
Reflections of pastel hues
Fading to darkness

Nancy Chambers
The Band Concert

On a lark
We went to a concert in the park
On this night warm and clear
People came from far and near
The musicians played the Big Band Sound
Syncopated rhythms of great renown
As they played
“Get up and danced”, they bade
And only the elderly did
Seniors acting just like a kid
Gyrating to and fro
Remembering an era long ago
Enjoying their years of gold
Proving that “You’re never too old”

Nancy Chambers
The Ides Of March

Ides of March today
Caesar beware of false friends
Stabbing you in back

Nancy Chambers
The Jersey Devil

Pineys like to revel
In stories of the Jersey Devil
Fiction or reality?
Or just a genetic abnormality?
Mother Leeds 13th child
Born unwanted, cursed and wild
Delivered on a stormy night
Gave the midwives quite a fright.
Flew up, up and away
Roams the woods to this day! ....
Or so they say.
Something’s rustling in the trees
Is it only the gentle breeze?
What is that sound you hear?
A known animal or something queer?
Strange footprints in the sand
Made by a monster or made by man?
Is it real or is it a hoax?
Been seen by mighty reputable folks!
Is it really out there, somewhere?
Or is it just an invented scare?
If, in the Pinelands it haunts;
Will you see it on your jaunts?
The Pine Barrens know!
Even if Science says No!
Still the legend persists
The Jersey Devil exists!

Nancy Chambers
The Kentucky Oaks

1st Friday in May
Gallop fast pretty fillies
Run for the Lilies

Nancy Chambers
The Paradox

Two trees
The living one brings death
The dead one brings life
Partake of the first—die
Embrace the second—Live eternally

Nancy Chambers
The Pink Briefcase

When I was in Junior High
A term for Middle School in a time gone by
My Mother bought me a briefcase of pink
Although I loved it, I was worried what others would think
It gave the kids a reason to poke fun
Carrying a pink briefcase, I was the only one.
So I’d leave home briefcase in hand then hide it under a tree
Because I did not want the kids to make fun of me.
Someone tore off the handle and made me mad
The ruined briefcase made my Mother sad.
Kids still made fun of me anyway
As I walked to school day after day
I was young and weak then
Teenage life was hard without a friend.
Those days were difficult and long
But they built character and made me strong.
A life’s lesson was taught
By the pink briefcase my Mother bought.
I learned to walk in my own shoes
And live my life as I’d choose.
Many years of time have passed.
Is that our grandson’s girlfriend? My husband asked
I can’t tell, they all look and dress the same
The only thing different about them is their name
I can’t distinguish one girl from another.
Too bad she’d never been given a pink briefcase by her Mother!

Nancy Chambers
Throwaways

Holiday travesties
Throwaways
Nobodies
From dysfunctional families
Lives with uncertainties
And so full of tragedies
Written off as system causalities
Spent Easter with us
As SOMEBODYs!

Nancy Chambers
Tree Frogs

Cacophony songs
Tree frogs in the Pine Barrens
The sounds of Springtime

Nancy Chambers
Trip To Bulltown

After the rain the day was new
The sky was a brilliant blue
Steve did not want to drive around
So we decided visit Bulltown
To find the Glass Works site
The weather was crisp and bright
Down a mile, on a road you could not pass
Located by a dam on a spot with shards of glass
The shards were the key
Because there was not much to see
Now razed to the ground
Almost no remains can be found
With a little determination
We were at the Works location

Nancy Chambers
Winter's End

On this winter day
All the colors are drab and gray
The Earth’s in a lull
The sun shines dull.
The flowers are gone
Brown is the lawn
The ground is hard and cold
What happened to Autumn’s gold?
Nothing good on the news
Just housing and stock market blues.
The trees are bare
The Earth feels like Despair.
Wait! Is that a crocus popping it’s head?
The trees are dormant, not dead.
There’s a robin, worm seeking
Flowering buds are peeking.
Daffodils are beginning to raise
Now there are longer days
Winter days there still will be some
But the Time of the Singing of the Birds has come!

Nancy Chambers
Words

Words
Aren’t
Always
In my brain
When I want them to be
But eventually they come
So I can put them into a poem or Haiku

Nancy Chambers
Words 2

I like to collect words
That I can use in a poem
All kind of words
That I can get to know them
Words like Kakistocracy
And thank God we live in a democracy
Or a poem using Avogadro
Now that takes bravado
Still it can be done
Oh just so much fun

Nancy Chambers